Angel Densetsu
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MAIN CAST

?	Ogisu Takashi	Takehisa Yuuji	Koiso Ryoko	Kuroda Seikichi	Kitano Seiichirou
Ryoko's friend and classmate. Despite the fact that she's always with Ryoko, her name has not been revealed yet	A new transfer student who comes to claim the title of guardian at Hekikuu High School. His flaming red hair and naturally large eye-whites intimidate his opponents. Calls himself "The Fighting Master"	A powerful fighter who has been known for his strength since middle school. Challenged Kitano-kun after the end of his suspension period and lost. Since then, he has assumed the role of his little brother	A beautiful female Kobudo martial artist. She sees through Kitano-kun's appearance finds he has a pure, angelic heart. She is the only person to understand who he really is	Former guardian of Hekikuu. Now calls himself "No. 2". Always seen with his two younger lackeys. He has a gift for speech, but low fighting ability. Holds a tragically one-sided love for Ryoko	A boy with the face of a demon, but the heart of an angel. With this appearance, he became the guardian of Hekikuu High School. Despite a number of unfortunate misunderstandings, he is currently enjoying his school life very much

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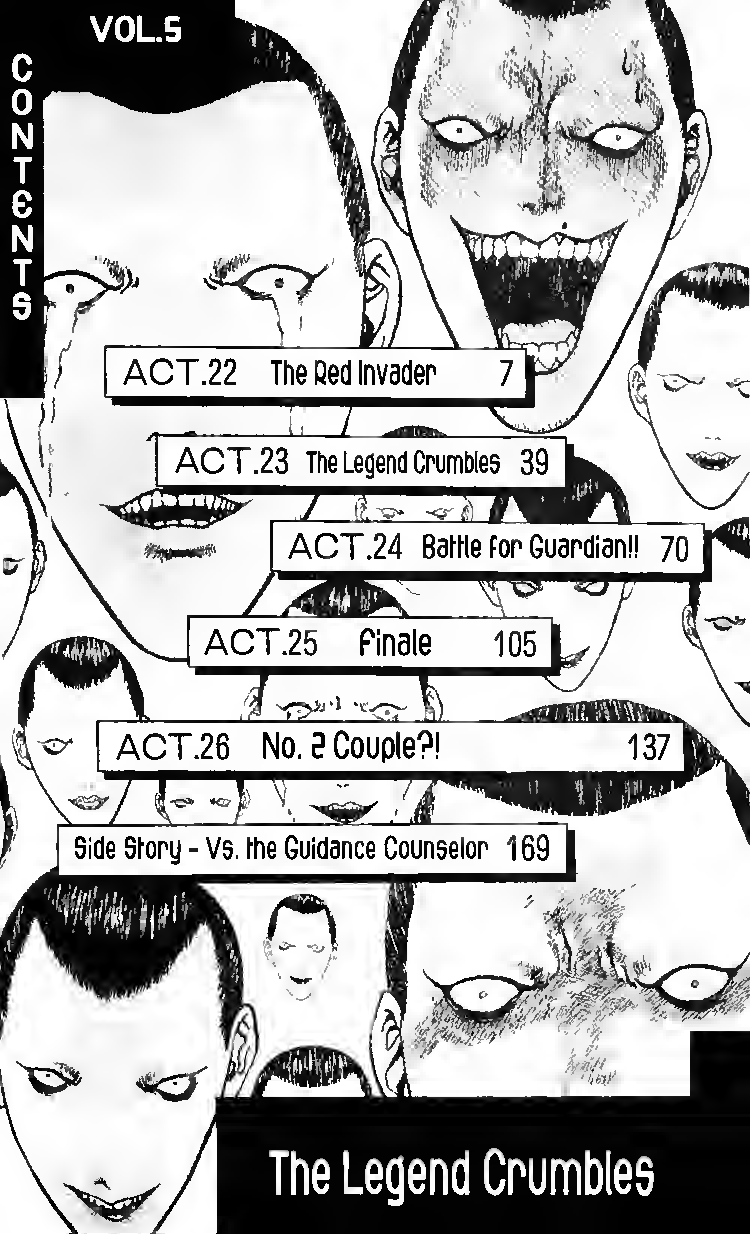

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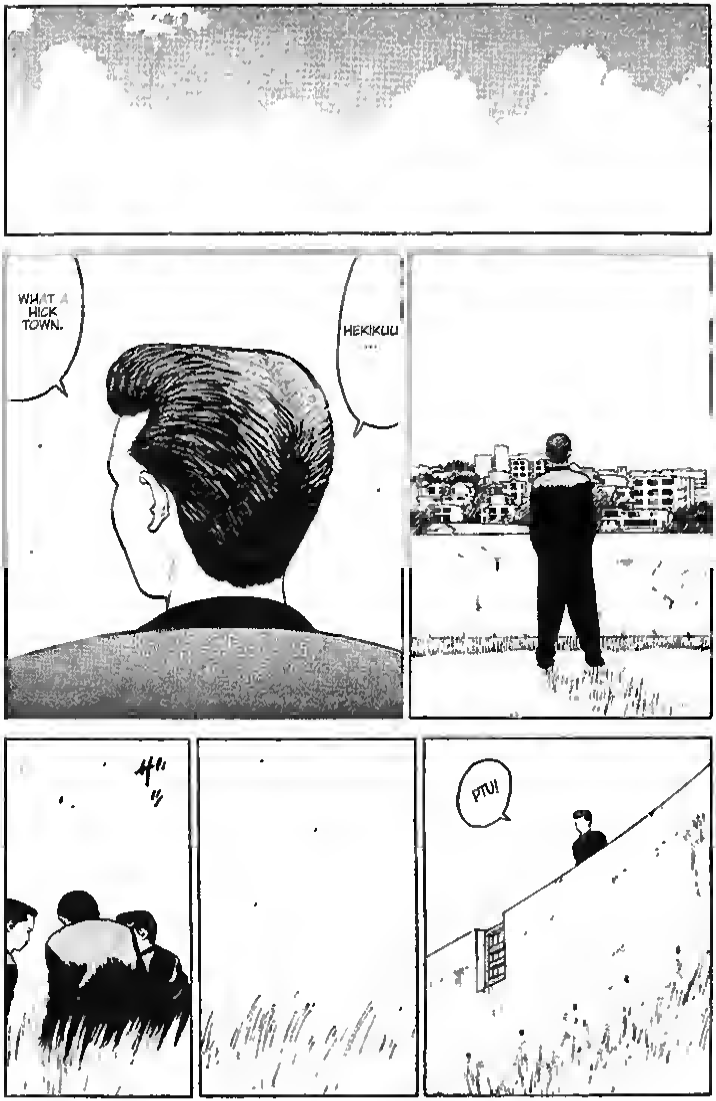
WHAT A HICK TOWN.
HEKIKUU ...
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HEY, YOU.
YEAH, YOU.
THAT SPIT GOT ON ME.
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO ABOUT THAT?
HIDING IN THE GRASS TO SMOKE?
THAT'S PATHETIC I MEAN HELLA PATHETIC
LOOK AT YOUR STUPID RED-DYED HAIR.
I AIN'T SEEN YOU AROUND HERE
WHAT SCHOOL YOU FROM?
WHAT?!

SMOKING'S BAD FOR YOUR BODY. YOU SHOULD GIVE IT UP.
BESIDES,
YOU WANNA FIGHT?
THERE ARE 3 OF US!
YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ON 3 OF US AND WIN?!
TAP
!!

I'LL FIGHT AS MANY OF YOU AS YOU WANT.
QUIT SHOUTING AND COME AT ME.
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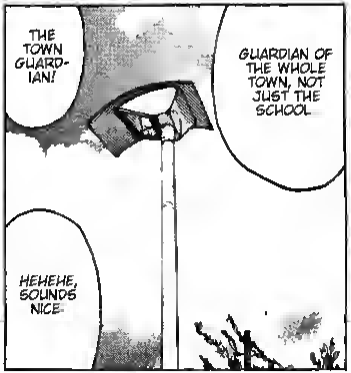
AH... HEY WAIT!
!
WAAAH!
TCH.
LOSERS.

I WON'T EVEN NEED TO USE MY PRIZED FIGHTING ABILITIES.
WELL, I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THEY'D RUN, LOOKING AT MY FEARSOME DYED-RED HAIR AND NATURALLY LARGE EYE-WHITES.

I'LL BE ABLE TO CONQUER THE WHOLE TOWN, NOT JUST THE SCHOOL.
IT'S A PATHETIC TOWN, BUT THE KIDS HERE ARE EVEN MORE PATHETIC.

IT WON'T TAKE 3 DAYS, I BET.
WELL, I'LL JUST PLAY IT EASY AND TAKE CONTROL THE SCHOOL FOR NOW.


THE TOWN GUARDIAN!
GUARDIAN OF THE WHOLE TOWN, NOT JUST THE SCHOOL.
HEHEHE, SOUNDS NICE.

YOU KNOW WHERE HEKIKUU HIGH SCHOOL IS, DON'T YOU? TELL ME
!
YEAH, YOU TWO OVER THERE
HEY, YOU!
WELL THEN ...
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?
THAT'S NO WAY TO ASK A QUESTION
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
WHAT?

SO YOU CAN'T PULL ANY BLUFFS OVER ON ME
I DON'T— I JUST CAME HERE TODAY.
ALONG WITH THE NAME, HEKIKUU'S RED MAD DOG OGISU TAKASHI.
BUT EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN IS GONNA KNOW MY FACE SOON ENOUGH
FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN IN SUCH A HICK TOWN
HEH
NEVER BEEN TO HEKIKUU?
A TRANSFER STUDENT...?
TOO BAD YOU HAD TO COME TO HEKIKUU.

GOOD LUCK, KID
WELL, IT'D BE THE SAME IN HAKUJIN
HUH?
WAIT A MINUTE!
AH! HEY!
HRRG
I GOT THE SKILLS TO BACK ME UP, WANNA SEE?
HEHEH
YOU MAD? THEN BRING IT, BITCH.
HAVING A LARGE BODY DON'T MEAN SHIT TO ME!
SIGH
DON'T IGNORE ME LIKE THAT, YOU BASTARD!
!
I SAID WAIT, YOU BIG CLUMSY OAF!!

YOU BASTARD
GAH...
AH...

YOU F...
Y...
GWAH!
AAH!
NO WONDER HE PUT ON SUCH MIGHTY AIRS.
HEH... I GUESS I'VE ALREADY RUN INTO THE STRONGEST GUY IN TOWN
CRAZY
S... SHIT
THAT GUY'S HELLA TOUGH
BUT I SHOULD START BY CONQUERING HEKIKUU HIGH SCHOOL IN MY NAME
THE TIME WILL COME WHEN I SETTLE THE SCORE WITH HIM
THAT IS THE DESTINY OF A FIGHTING MAN...
POWERFUL MEN ARE ALWAYS DRAWN TO EACH OTHER

A BUNCH OF FOUR-EYED STRAIGHT ARROWS
THE STUDENTS ARE LAME TOO.
YOU CAN'T TELL ME THERE AREN'T ANY HERE, RIGHT?
THE PERCENTAGE OF DELINQUENT STUDENTS IS ALARMINGLY LOW.
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WHO ARE YOU?
HEY, YOU.
LAME.
THIS IS A HELLA LAME SCHOOL.
A LAME SCHOOL THAT TAKES ITS NAME FROM THE SUITABLY LAME TOWN IT'S IN.

HE'S EVEN BIGGER THAN THAT LAST GUY I JUST MET!!
OH MY GOD!! HE'S ENOR-MOUS!!

DID YOU COME HERE KNOWING THIS WAS HEKIKUU HIGH SCHOOL?
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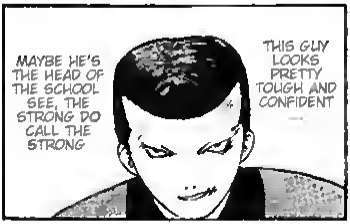
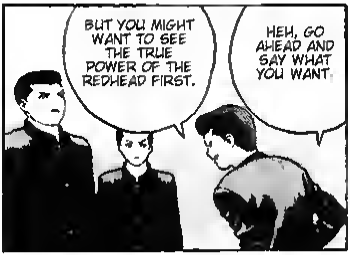
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND BEFORE


MAYBE HE'S THE HEAD OF THE SCHOOL SEE, THE STRONG DO CALL THE STRONG
THIS GUY LOOKS PRETTY TOUGH AND CONFIDENT

ONLY THE WEAK TRY TO MAKE THEIR HAIR SO INTIMIDATING
YOU HAVE A PATHETIC HAIR-STYLE.


BUT YOU MIGHT WANT TO SEE THE TRUE POWER OF THE REDHEAD FIRST.
HEH, GO AHEAD AND SAY WHAT YOU WANT.

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I NEVER LOST A FIGHT IN THE AREA WHERE I CAME FROM.
I GOTTA WARN YOU, I'VE STUDIED MANY FORMS OF MARTIAL ARTS, NOT JUST BRAWLING.
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TAKE MY KILLER RIGHT HOOK!
LET'S GO!
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DON'T BE HASTY.
HOLD ON, NOW!
I MAKE IT A POINT NOT TO HARM NORMAL PEOPLE AND THE INJURED.
I CAN SEE YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN IN A FIGHT.

DID YOU HEAR THAT? HE SAID HE'S NEVER LOST...
YIKES, I DON'T WANNA FIGHT THAT CRAZY, VIOLENT WEIRDO...
.....
DON'T LOOK AT HIM! DON'T LET YOUR EYES MEET!
.....
IF YOU WANT A FIGHT, COME BACK WHEN YOU'RE ALL BETTER.
THEN I WILL GLADLY BE YOUR OPPONENT.
HE'S A FORMIDABLE MAN. I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR EVENTUAL CLASH.
HEH... YEAH, HE'S THE GENERAL AT THIS SCHOOL, ALL RIGHT...
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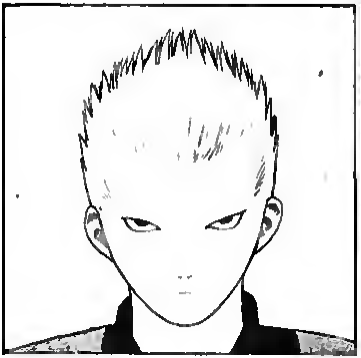
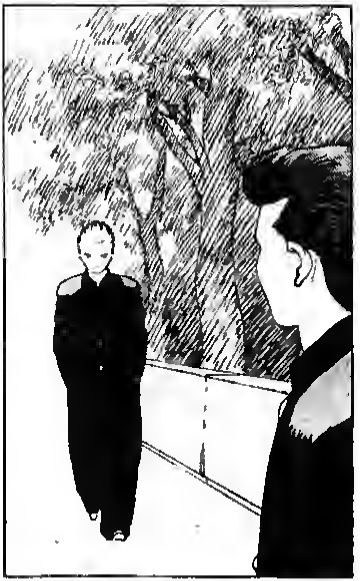
.....
I'M NOT FEELING ALL TOO SWELL.
I NEED TO BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF SOME-BODY FOR RELIEF.
BUT STILL, NOW THAT I'VE LOST TO THE STRONGEST GUY AROUND...
THERE ARE SOME BIG MEN FOR SUCH A LAME TOWN.
FIRST THE NO. 1 MAN IN THE TOWN, THEN THE GUARDIAN OF THIS SCHOOL.
THEY DIDN'T BLINK AN EYE AT MY APPEARANCE



IT'S EVEN CRAZIER THAN MINE!
WHAT THE FUCK KIND OF HAIRDO IS THAT?



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BAD LUCK FOR YOU, BLONDIE.. YOU'RE GOING TO BE MY STRESS RELIEF
HE'S SHORT AND HE LOOKS LIKE A PANSY
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OH, I GET IT! THAT OTHER GUY SAID ONLY THE WEAK TRY TO MAKE THEIR HAIR INTIMIDATING, AND HE MUST HAVE MEANT THIS GUY
HE TRIES TO FRIGHTEN OTHERS WITHOUT ANY SKILL AT ALL? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH

HAVE YOU NO SHAME?
LOOK AT THAT RIDICULOUS HAIR...
HEY!
HEY, WAIT!
WAIT
HUH?
LOOK WHO'S TALKING
HE'S A DEAD MAN—
HE WAS RIGHT, THOUGH
DAMN, I JUST GOT TOLD BY A LITTLE PUNK WHO'S GOT NOTHING BUT LOOKS!

!
WAIT WAIT WAIT!
WAIT, DAMN YOU!
HUH?
IF YOU WANT TO KEEP WALKING DOWN THIS PATH,
YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT ME FIRST!
SHUT UP!!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
AN ENEMY CHARACTER IN A FIGHTING MANGA?

SHUT UP! THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
WANT ME TO SHOW YOU WHERE THE NURSE'S OFFICE IS?
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOUR FACE IS ALL BRUISED.
HAVE YOU EVER LOOKED AT YOUR FACE IN A MIRROR?!
POOR SUCKERS LIKE YOU WITH STUPID HAIR ARE NOTHING BUT AN EYESORE!!
AS USUAL THE PUNKS BY APPEARANCE HAVE THE TRICKIEST TONGUES..
S... SHIT! HE'S WINNING THE BATTLE OF WORDS HERE..
.....
YOU SHOW-OFF, PHONY PUNK WITH A SMART MOUTH!!
AND WHAT'S WITH THAT BLOND HAIR?! IT'S SO OBVIOUS THAT YOU'RE AN IDIOT WHEN YOU DIE IT BLOND, OF ALL COLORS!!
SORRY, I DIDN'T NOTICE
OHHHH, I GET IT! YOU WANT TO FIGHT
!!

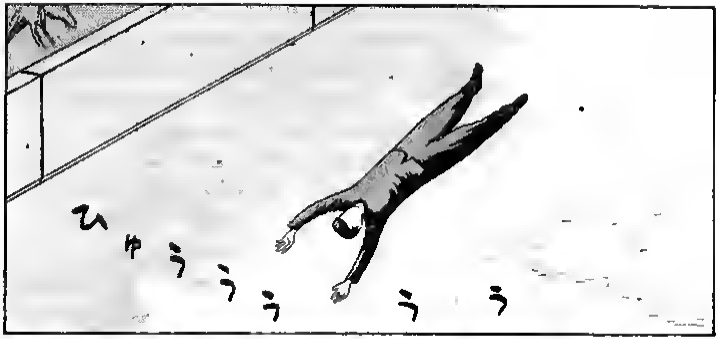
IS RIGHT HERE FINE? OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO A DIFFERENT SPOT?
SO, SHALL WE?
I'M REALLY SORRY, THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A BOTHER FOR YOU.
YOU SEE, I HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE WORLD OF STARTING FIGHTS LATELY, SO I DIDN'T QUITE CATCH ON.
.....
HEH
SORRY, YOUR BLUFFS WON'T BEAT ME
COME ON, RIGHT HERE.
I'VE LEARNED MANY KINDS OF
IF ONLY YOUR SKILL AT FIGHTING WAS AS HIGH AS YOUR SKILL AT SPEAKING!
BWAHAHAHAHA!
VERY NICE! WHAT A BLUFF!!

AGH...
...HH...
GHOH!!
WHY YOU...
GOH!!
GH!!
GUH!!
GEH!!
DEYAAH!!

I WAS HUMBLED BY A GUY THE GUARDIAN INSULTED
I... IMPOSSIBLE...
WHAT THE HELL...
HE WASN'T AFRAID OF MY TERRIBLE COUNTENANCE ONE BIT.
!
IT WAS A FIGHT. HE JUST GOT BEAT UP.
HEY, THERE'S SOMEBODY KNOCKED OUT OVER THERE...
IT'S JUST SOME STUPID GIRLS.
C-CALM DOWN, TAKASHI...
ISN'T THAT GOING A BIT TOO FAR?
IT'S THE TRUTH
HE'S ALL BLOODIED UP.
WHAT IS HE THINKING, SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?
JUST PATHETIC.

NO, THAT'S JUST HIS HAIRSTYLE, YOU KNOW HOW THEY ARE.
SNIP
LOOK, HE CRACKED HIS HEAD OPEN AND HIS BRAINS ARE POPPING OUT.
PLEASE, HONEY, YOU'RE NO CHAME-LEON...
IF HE WAS WALKING INTO THE SUNSET, YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE HIS HAIR.
OH MY GOD, TALK ABOUT BAD TASTE.
GO AHEAD AND CURSE YOUR OWN BAD LUCK!!
NORMALLY I'D NEVER HIT A GIRL, BUT YOU CAUGHT ME AT A REALLY BAD TIME, SO IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR SPOUTING ALL THIS CRAP ABOUT ME!!
I DON'T EVEN CARE IF YOU'RE A GIRL.
HAHAHA VERY FUNNY.

GAH!!
SO HOW HAVE THINGS BEEN WITH KITANO-KUN?
THINGS?
YOU BOTH SAID YOU LIKED EACH OTHER, RIGHT?
NO NO NO, IT WASN'T LIKE THAT.
FLOP.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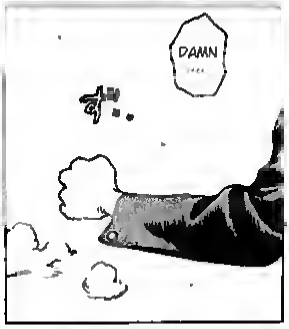
SOME NORMAL GIRL JUST HIGH-KICKED ME IN THE FACE.
W... WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WH..AT'S WITH THIS TOWN...?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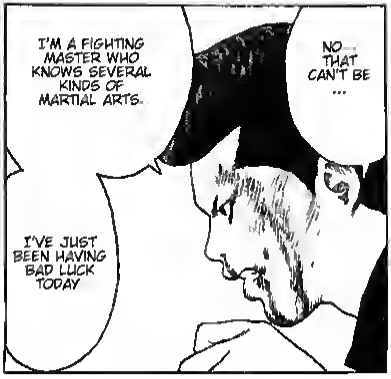
I'M A FIGHTING MASTER WHO KNOWS SEVERAL KINDS OF MARTIAL ARTS.
NO... THAT CAN'T BE ...
I'VE JUST BEEN HAVING BAD LUCK TODAY

SO DANGEROUS THAT I CAN'T EVEN BEAT ONE ORDINARY GIRL?
I DIDN'T COME TO SOME INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS PLACE, DID I?

THE NEXT GUY WHO COMES, I'M GONNA SHOW OFF MY TRUE SKILLS AND POWER.
NEXT... THE NEXT GUY.
I'LL USE MY FULL POWER AND BEAT THE CRAP OUT THE OPPONENT ...
I DON'T EVEN CARE WHO IT IS THAT COMES.

DAMN, JUST WHEN I DECIDED TO KICK THE ASS OF MY NEXT TARGET, NOBODY ELSE SHOWS UP
HOW FAR WILL THIS PLACE GO TO HUMILIATE ME?
LIKE SOMEONE JUST BLEW IN COLD AIR
HMM, IT GOT CHILLY ALL OF A SUDDEN
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ヒュウウ...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
!
PEOPLE SHOULD STILL BE ARRIVING AT SCHOOL NOW.
PREPARE TO
THE PRICE FOR MAKING ME WAIT IS HEAVY..
HUHP
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AND FORTUNATELY FOR ME, IT'S JUST ONE GUY ONE UNLUCKY GUY
HEHEHE
FINALLY, A SUCKER..

HUH?
IS HE HUMAN?
WHAT A TERRIFYING FACE...
W WHAT THE HELL...
!!
KIEE EEEE EEEE
GYN WAAAAAAHD

LET WE WARN YOU, I KNOW SEVERAL KINDS OF ...
Y YOU WANNA FIGHT ?!
HIS HEAD IS ALL BLOODY!
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O-O-O-OH MY G-G-GOODNESS, HE'S BLEEDING!
WAAAAAAAAHHH
!!
KIEEEEEEEEE

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EEEE
(TN: ARE YOU WHAT
OKAAAY?! HAPPENED TO YOU?!)
S-SOMEONE, HELP!
H-HANG IN THERE!
New Student to Hekikuu High School,
Ogisu Takashi.
First Day Battle Record,
0 Wins, 4 Losses
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I've created a workplace recently. I no longer have the space in my house to bring any additional staff members. I originally intended for it to be a workplace only, but due to circumstances, I'm living there now as well. So it's now a workplace-cum-dwelling. That took lots of time and money, and I've come to realize that creating new space for one's life is a very taxing thing.

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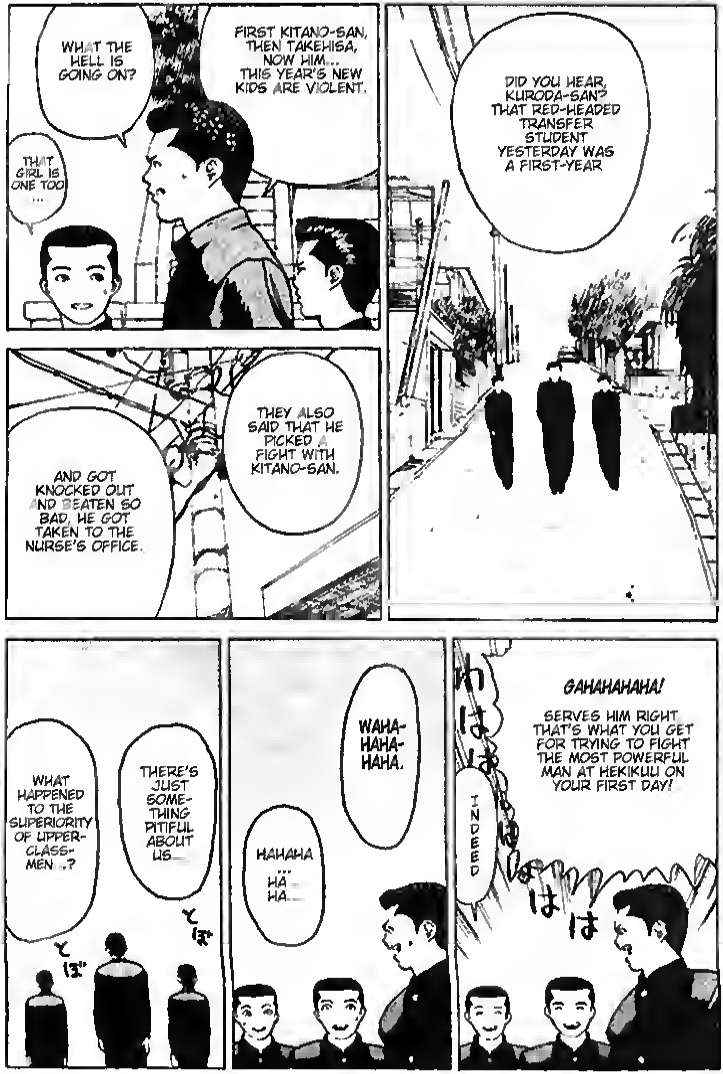
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?
FIRST KITANO-SAN, THEN TAKEHISA, NOW HIM... THIS YEAR'S NEW KIDS ARE VIOLENT.
THAT GIRL IS ONE TOO ...
DID YOU HEAR, KURODA-SAN? THAT RED-HEADED TRANSFER STUDENT YESTERDAY WAS A FIRST-YEAR
THEY ALSO SAID THAT HE PICKED A FIGHT WITH KITANO-SAN.
AND GOT KNOCKED OUT AND BEATEN SO BAD, HE GOT TAKEN TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SUPERIORITY OF UPPER-CLASS-MEN ..?
THERE'S JUST SOME-THING PITIFUL ABOUT US...
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WAHA-HAHA-HAHA.
HAHAHA ... HA HA...
INDEED
GAHAHAHAHA!
SERVES HIM RIGHT THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR TRYING TO FIGHT THE MOST POWERFUL MAN AT HEKIKUU ON YOUR FIRST DAY!
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OH...
LOOKS LIKE HE'S ABOUT TO CONFRONT US AGAIN
DAMN, THAT RED-HEAD FIRST-YEAR AGAIN...
UH
OKAY
OKAY, JUST IGNORE HIM, GOT IT?! DON'T LOOK HIM IN THE EYES!
YES, WE ARE SO PITIFUL

HUH ...?
HEY, GUARDIAN ...
HUH?
HUH?
ME?
WELL, I SUPPOSE IT'S NO WONDER YOU CAN LOOK DOWN ON ME BECAUSE I WAS POUNDED TO A PULP BY LESSER MEN.
THERE'S NO NEED TO IGNORE ME JUST BECAUSE I GOT BEAT BY ONE OF YOUR CRONIES.
I UNDERSTAND YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO LOOK ME IN THE EYE.

WHO IS THAT GUY?
THEN... THERE WAS THIS DEMONIC-LOOKING GUY WHO LET OUT THIS HELLA FREAKISH SCREAM AND RAN AT ME.
AND I EVEN TOOK A KILLER HIGH-KICK TO THE FACE FROM SOME NORMAL GIRL.
I GOT WASTED BY THAT BLOND PUNK YOU WERE DISSING,
I COULDN'T STAND UP TO THE FIRST GUY I MET.
YOU KNOW, THIS TOWN REALLY SURPRISED ME.
HIGH-KICK ...?
W- WHAT ARE YOU DOING, KURODA-SAN?!
THAT REALLY HURT
HE IS THE TRUE GUAR...
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
OWW!
YOW!

THE RIGHT HAND MAN OF KURODA SEIKICHI, GUARDIAN OF HEKIKUU.
HE IS THE NO. 2 OF HEKIKUU.
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AHHH, SHUT UP! YOU GUYS PIPE DOWN!
HE'S NOT THE NO. 2...
W... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, KURODA-SAN?!
?
SHUT UP! SHUT UP! SHUT UP!
IF KITANO-SAN HEARS YOU DID THIS...
B... BUT STILL

GUARDIAN...
PEOPLE HATED ME FOR USING A WORD THAT WAS SO OLD, SO OUT OF THE TIMES, SO HELPLESSLY UNHIP...
BUT NOW THAT I HAVE LOST THAT HONOR, HEARING IT AGAIN FILLS ME WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE.
ONCE I LOST IT, I FIRST UNDERSTOOD HOW MUCH I REALLY LOVE THAT WORD.
WE KNOW, SIR, WE KNOW. IT'S A VERY NICE WORD.
IF YOU CAN REALLY ORDER AROUND THAT DEMON OF A GUY...
THEN YOU ARE INDEED THE MIGHTY GUARDIAN I SENSED.
HUH?
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AND THAT MAKES ME WISH TO CROSS FISTS WITH YOU ONCE AGAIN.
I KNOW I'M GOING TO LOSE, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT WANT TO SEE HOW GOOD I ACTUALLY AM
THESE ARE YESTERDAY'S WOUNDS. THEY DON'T AFFECT ME AT ALL.
YOU'LL FIGHT WITH ME TODAY, WON'T YOU?

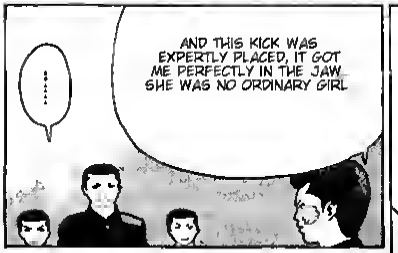
BUT YOU ARE SADLY MISTAKEN.
HEH... YOU'RE A LIVELY FELLOW...
!
WILL HE NEVER LEARN...?
I KNEW IT! THAT VIOLENT PRICK...
IF YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME, YOU MUST PASS THE BLOND KID AND THE NO. 2 FIRST!
IF YOU CANNOT MATCH MY NO. 2 OR THAT BLOND FOOL, THEN HOW CAN YOU EXPECT TO CHALLENGE ME?!

I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO FIGHT YOU YET.
Y... YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT...
AH...
OKAY, I'LL DO WHAT YOU SAY AND BATTLE MY WAY THROUGH THE RANKS ONE BY ONE...
FIRST I JUST HAVE TO TAKE OUT THAT BLOND KID, RIGHT?
UH...
THAT WAS QUICK! DON'T TELL ME THAT'S ALL YOU GUYS HAVE!
WHAT... ALREADY?
OH... UH, THE NO 2... MAYBE...?
HUH?
WHO DO I BEAT?
WHO'S AFTER THAT?
OH, I GET IT...
WE FIGHT WITH QUALITY, NOT QUANTITY!
WE PICK ONLY THE FINEST OUT OF ALL THE HUNDREDS THAT WANT TO JOIN OUR GANG!
WE'RE A SMALL NUMBER OF ELITE WARRIORS!
Y... YOU MORON! WE AREN'T THE TYPE TO FIND STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!

IT'S OKAY. EVEN IF HE MANAGES TO BEAT TAKEHISA, HE'LL NEVER DEFEAT KITANO-SAN.
HE'LL NEVER GET AROUND TO ME.
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT, KURODA-SAN...?

BASICALLY, IF I BEAT THEM, I CAN FIGHT YOU.
THAT'S COOL. I LIKE THINGS SIMPLE AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

HUH? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
OH, ONE MORE THING. GIRLS AT THIS SCHOOL AREN'T LIKE, REQUIRED TO STUDY KICKING OR ANYTHING, RIGHT?
I GET IT...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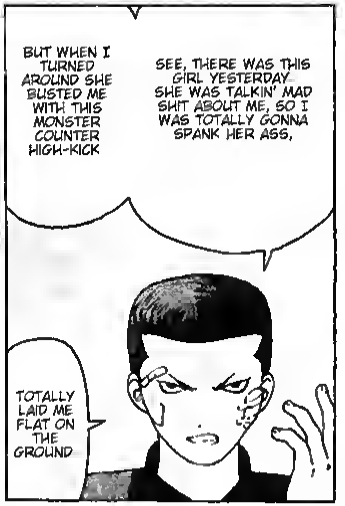
AND THIS KICK WAS EXPERTLY PLACED, IT GOT ME PERFECTLY IN THE JAW. SHE WAS NO ORDINARY GIRL


BUT WHEN I TURNED AROUND SHE BUSTED ME WITH THIS MONSTER COUNTER HIGH-KICK
SEE, THERE WAS THIS GIRL YESTERDAY. SHE WAS TALKIN' MAD SHIT ABOUT ME, SO I WAS TOTALLY GONNA SPANK HER ASS,
TOTALLY LAID ME FLAT ON THE GROUND

JESUS, HE MUST HAVE FOUGHT EVERYBODY AT THIS SCHOOL YESTERDAY...
IDIOT
.....
IT IT'S THAT BITCH...

THAT'S THE THING, SHE WAS TURNING AROUND DURING THE KICK, SO I DON'T REMEMBER HER FACE
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HER FACE LOOKED LIKE?
UH...
NO, NO
WHAT, YOU KNOW HER?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL FIND HER AND TEACH HER A LESSON...
BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET...
.....
JUST LEAVE HER ALONE, YOU GOT IT?!
KOISO RYOKO FROM CLASS 1-7 HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS!
WHAT?
HUH?
JUST BECAUSE SHE KNOWS KOBUJUTSU AND HAS A BAD MOUTH DOESN'T PROVE THAT IT'S HER!
HUH? KOBU-JUTSU?
I'LL JUST HIT UP EVERY PERSON WHO KNOWS KARATE OR SOMETHING...
B... BUT YOU DON'T REMEMBER HER FACE
BUT STILL, YOU DON'T HAVE PROOF...

THIS IS AN IRONCLAD RULE OF KURODA SEIKICHI, GUARDIAN OF HEKIKUU HIGH SCHOOL! REMEMBER IT WELL!
AT ANY RATE, I FORBID YOU TO HARM ANY NORMAL STUDENTS UNTIL YOU HAVE BEATEN ME!
I... I GET IT...
UH.. OKAY
I'LL TAKE YOU ON AS SOON AS YOU'VE BEATEN MY NO. 2
WELL, GOOD LUCK.
.....
FORGIVE ME FOR SHOUTING
AS AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND, AS GUARDIAN, I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT MY STUDENTS
HAH, WHATEVER

I KNEW HE WAS A BIG MAN FROM THE MOMENT I LAID EYES ON HIM
AND SUCH A STRONG GUARDIAN SPIRIT. HE FEELS THE CALL TO PROTECT HIS NORMAL STUDENTS...
I THOUGHT HE WAS A LAID-BACK GUY, BUT I GUESS HE'S PRETTY DAMN SERIOUS...
WHEW, WHAT A SURPRISE
YESTERDAY I LOST BECAUSE I WAS WOUNDED AND HE ENRAGED ME WITH HIS WILY TAUNTING
BUT HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF GUY I'D LOSE TO IF I WAS IN GOOD CONDITION...
SO, FIRST COMES THAT LITTLE BLOND PRICK
OH...
LIKE A SNOWY BLAST...
IT GOT COLD ALL OF A SUDDEN
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IT'S HEKI-KUU'S NO. 2...
D*MN... I KNEW IT...
IS HE REALLY HUMAN ...?
AND HIS FACE IS SO FRIGHTENING I COULD FAINT ONCE AGAIN...
I'LL LEAVE THIS ONE FOR LATER...
A... ANYWAYS, BETTER GET THE BLOND GUY FIRST.

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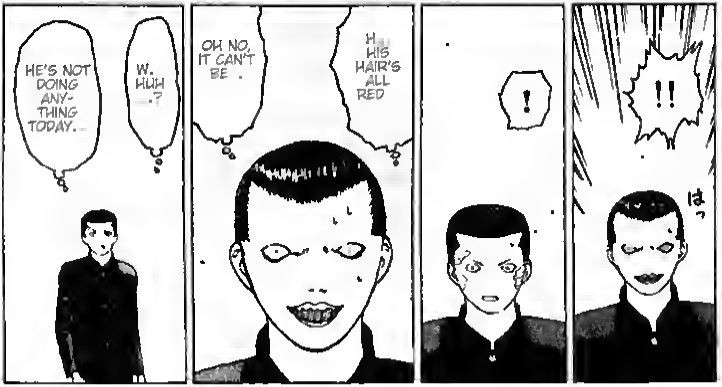
HE'S NOT DOING ANY-THING TODAY...
W. HUH ..?
OH NO, IT CAN'T BE .
H- HIS HAIR'S ALL RED
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KIEEEEEEEEE
WAAAAH!
WHAT THE-?!
HE'S COMING AFTER ME AGAIN!!
I ALREADY TOOK HIM TO THE INFIRMARY ONCE, SO WHY IS HIS HEAD BLEEDING AGAIN?!
WE HAVE TO STOP THE BLEEDING—
GODDAMNIT, THIS IS THE EXACT SAME THING THAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY!
THAT FUCKER'S TOTALLY NUTS TO BEGIN WITH!
THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE!
I DON'T WANT TO GO OUT OF ORDER, BUT HE STARTED THIS FIGHT!

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DEYAAH!!

IT DELIVERS A STRONG BLOW TO THE BACK AND KNOCKS THE WIND OUT OF THE OPPON—
HAHAHA, MY ARM TOSS!

HUH?

W... WHAT THE...?!
HE'S INVINCIBLE...!
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WHY DOES HE RESIST SO MUCH?!
DOES HE HATE THE HOSPITAL?
I GUESS EVERYONE DOES, BUT .
AAAH!!
AAAH!!
IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING, YOU'LL DIE!

IS HE AIMING FOR MY EYES?! TALK ABOUT DANGEROUS!
W-WHAT'S WITH THESE OVERARM BLOWS AIMED AT MY FACE...?!
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HE'S BORDER-LINE INSANE!
DAMN... I'M SCARED HE'S SO FEROCIOUS...
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

MUST TAKE HIM TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE...
MUST HURRY...
OH, KITANO-KUN...
IT'S A FIGHT!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SETTLE DOWN, TAKASHI... BE CALM AND WATCH HIS MOVEMENTS
YOU WERE CONFUSED AT FIRST, BUT HE'S MOVING DIRECTLY, THERE'S NO TRICK TO IT...
!
READ HIS TIMING, AND BRING IN A COUNTER
KIEEEE!!

GOT ONE IN!
YES!
GAH!
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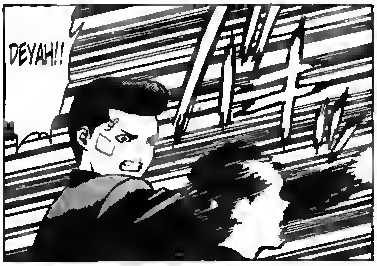
YOU'LL DIE OF EXCESS BLOOD LOSS.
NO, NO, YOU MUSN'T STRUGGLE!
HAH...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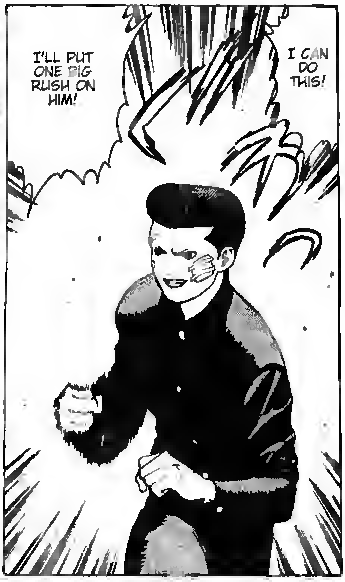
I'LL PUT ONE BIG RUSH ON HIM!
I CAN DO THIS!

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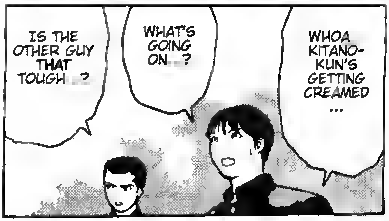
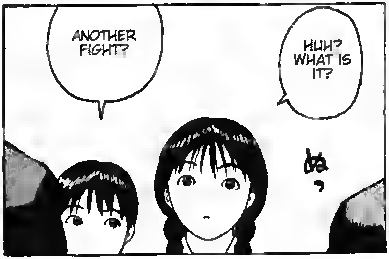
DORYAH!
DAAH!


IS THE OTHER GUY THAT TOUGH...?
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
WHOA KITANO-KUN'S GETTING CREAMED...


ANOTHER FIGHT?
HUH? WHAT IS IT?

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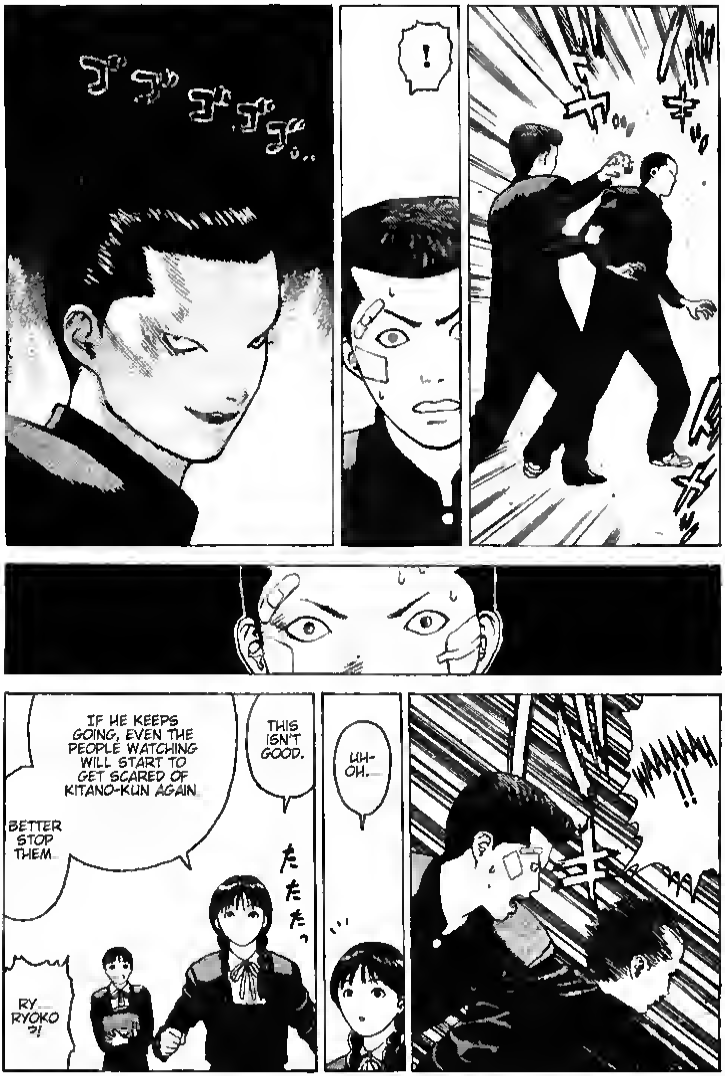
AHHHHH, IT'S KITANO-KUN!
WHAAT?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHY IS KITANO-KUN IN A FIGHT, THIS EARLY IN THE MORNING?
IT'S MORE LIKE HE'S JUST GETTING BEATEN UP.
WELL, KNOWING KITANO-KUN, HE PROBABLY GOT MISUNDERSTOOD AND CAUGHT UP IN SOME SILLY PROBLEM.
BUT STILL-!
THAT'S WHAT HE'S LIKE
HEH, IT'S KINDA LIKE...
IT'S KIND OF A SURPRISE... HE'S REALLY AMAZING.
R... RYOKO, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
YOU HAVE TO GO SAVE HIM

IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEING BEATEN SOUNDLY, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY AVOIDING ALL THE BLOWS WITH THE SMALLEST MOVEMENT NECESSARY.
THIS IS THE BIGGEST SECRET TO KITANO-KUN'S STRENGTH.
IT'S LIKE THE REFLEXES OF MIYAMOTO MUSASHI.
TO AN AMATEUR IT MAY SEEM SO, BUT HE HASN'T ACTUALLY GOTTEN ONE GOOD PUNCH OFF ON KITANO-KUN.
NO NEED.
HUH?
THE MORE YOU HIT HIM, THE MORE HE COMES BACK, SO IN THE END ALL YOU FEEL IS FEAR.
HE'S NOT DOING DAMAGE, BUT BECAUSE HE IS HITTING THE TARGET, YOU HEAR THE SOUND.
PLUS, THE ATTACKER IS THE ONE WHO'S BEING SLOPPY, BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT WAY AT ALL.
WHAT IS THIS ...?
W...
CAN YOU BELIEVE HOW THEY FLY THROUGH THE AIR LIKE THAT?!
AND THAT DOUBLE-PALMED BLOW HE HITS THEM WITH!
IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S IN LOVE WITH HIM...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE GETS BEATEN...
HE'S NOT GOING DOWN...
H... HEY...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UH-OH.
THIS ISN'T GOOD.
IF HE KEEPS GOING, EVEN THE PEOPLE WATCHING WILL START TO GET SCARED OF KITANO-KUN AGAIN.
BETTER STOP THEM.
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RY... RYOKO ?!
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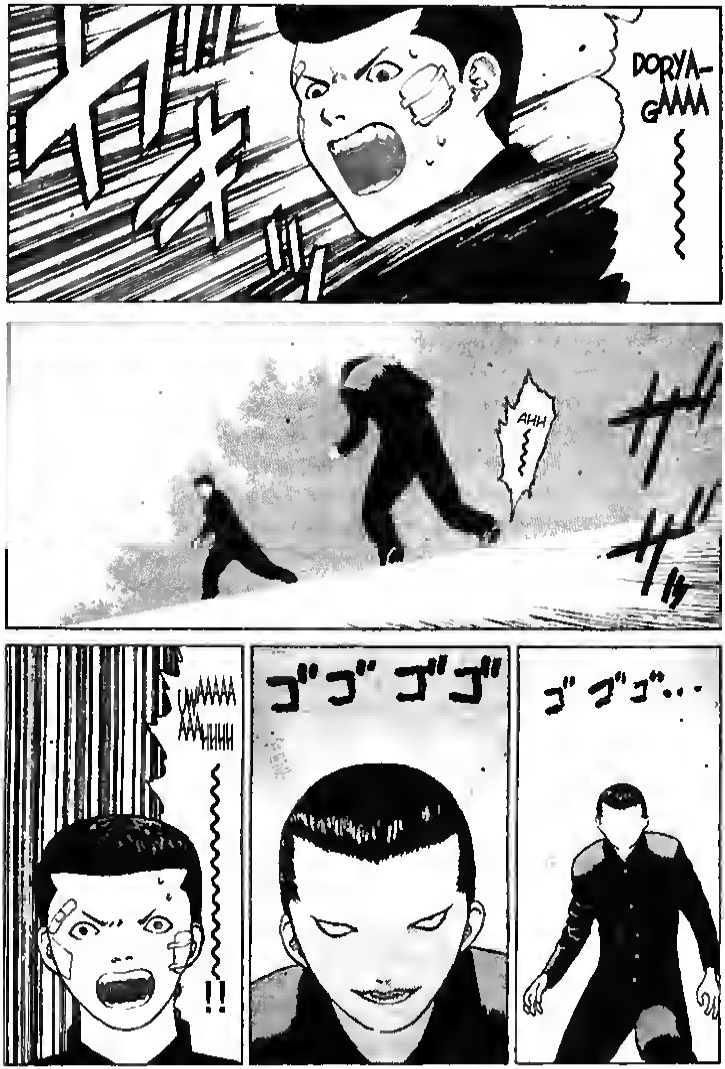
DORYA-GAAA
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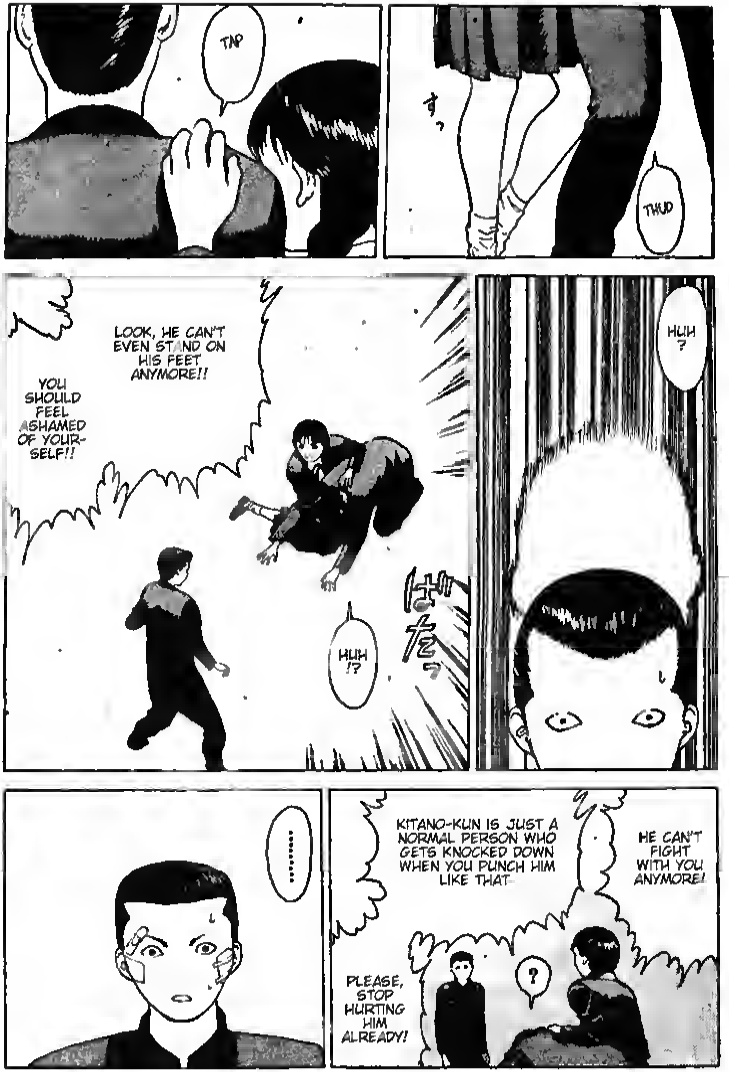
STOP!!

HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH ALREADY?!
STOP IT!

THINK ABOUT POOR KITANO-KUN!
RYOKO-CHAN...?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!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THUD
LOOK, HE CAN'T EVEN STAND ON HIS FEET ANYMORE!!
YOU SHOULD FEEL ASHAMED OF YOURSELF!!
HUH!?
HUH?
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KITANO-KUN IS JUST A NORMAL PERSON WHO GETS KNOCKED DOWN WHEN YOU PUNCH HIM LIKE THAT
HE CAN'T FIGHT WITH YOU ANYMORE!
PLEASE, STOP HURTING HIM ALREADY!
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BWAHAHAHAHA!
I DID IT! I BEAT THE NO. 2!
YOU SEE THAT?! THAT'S THE POWER OF OGISU!
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HA....
HA HAHA ...
I WAS BORN TO BE A FIGHTING MAN, A TRUE MARTIAL ARTIST!
TRUE, YOU'RE TOUGH! I CAN SEE WHY YOU'RE NO. 2, BUT THE DIFFERENCE IN POTENTIAL HERE IS CLEAR!
WAHAHAHAHA! TIME FOR THE GUARDIAN SHOWDOWN!!
WA HA HA HA HA HA
A'...!
FORGIVE ME THIS IS THE FATE OF A FIGHTING MAN.
I DID NOT MEAN TO MAKE YOU CRY
WOMAN
TAKE CARE OF YOUR BOY-FRIEND.

YEAH, HOLY CRAP ...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THE IMMORTAL KITANO-KUN LOST!
SOMETHING DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT THOUGH
KITANO-KUN LOST.
H-HE LOST...
MY EYES GET WATERY WHEN I STARE RIGHT INTO THE SUN, YOU KNOW.
I'M AMAZED YOU EVEN MANAGED TO WRING OUT SOME TEARS.
R... RYOKO ...
HOW WAS THAT? DRAMATIC ENOUGH?
OH!
UMMM... HEY, RYOKO-CHAN.
JUST BEING NATURALLY GIFTED IN REFLEXES IS ONLY GOING TO CAUSE TROUBLE FOR YOU.
BUT YOU KNOW, YOU OUGHT TO BE MORE NORMAL YOURSELF
?
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.....
I.. I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL OF THAT, KITANO-KUN

I HAVE BEEN FLOODED WITH THE GUARDIAN EXPERIENCE ONCE AGAIN.
BESIDES, I'M WALKING ON THE CLOUDS RIGHT NOW.
IT'S PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT FOR ME TO DO THIS.
UHH...

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO DITCH FIRST PERIOD, KURODA-SAN?
YOU CAME HERE ON TIME AND EVERYTHING..

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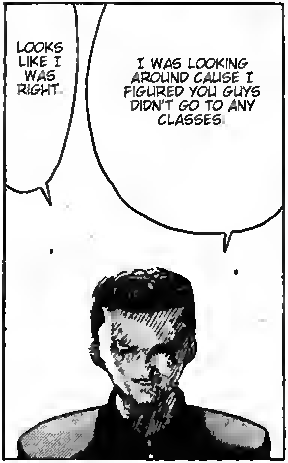
HEY.


LOOKS LIKE I WAS RIGHT.
I WAS LOOKING AROUND CAUSE I FIGURED YOU GUYS DIDN'T GO TO ANY CLASSES.

WHAT'S UP?
DID YOU BEAT THE BLOND KID?

LET'S HAVE A LITTLE RUMBLE TO SEE WHO THIS SCHOOL'S REAL GUARDIAN IS.
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YOU PROMISED.
HE HE HEH...
GO TO CLASS, SON.
HMM? YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF FREE TIME.
LOOK WHO'S TALKING
I KNOW THAT.
I TOLD YOU, YOU HAVE TO BEAT MY NO. 2 RIGHT-HAND-MAN TO FIGHT ME.
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT.
HUH?
BECAUSE I ALREADY BEAT YOUR NO. 2
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE
AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ME ON, AS PROMISED.

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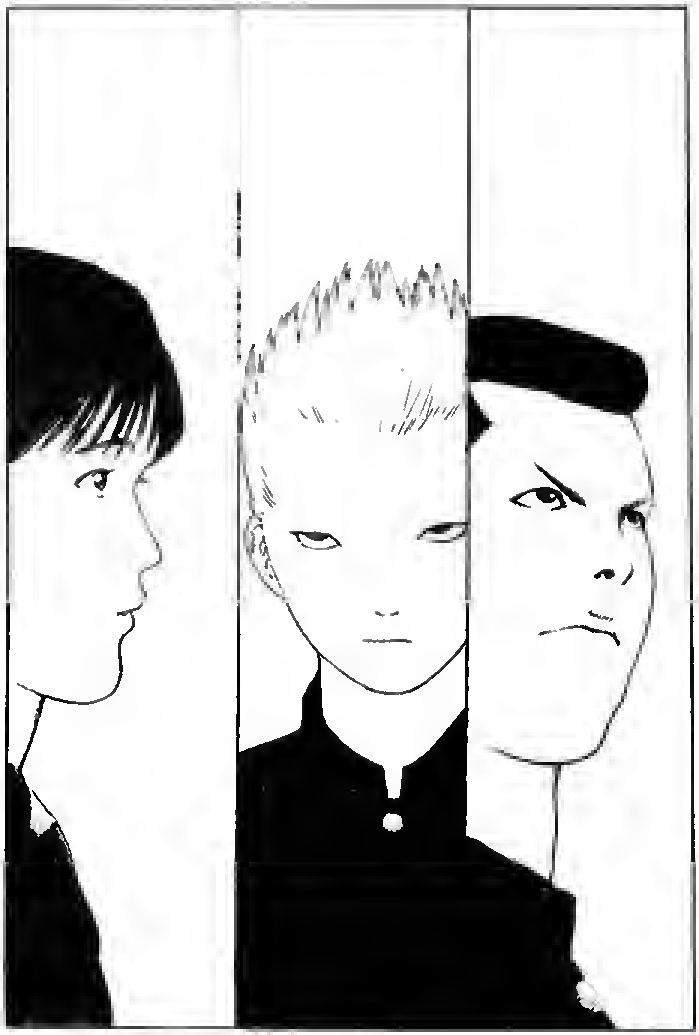
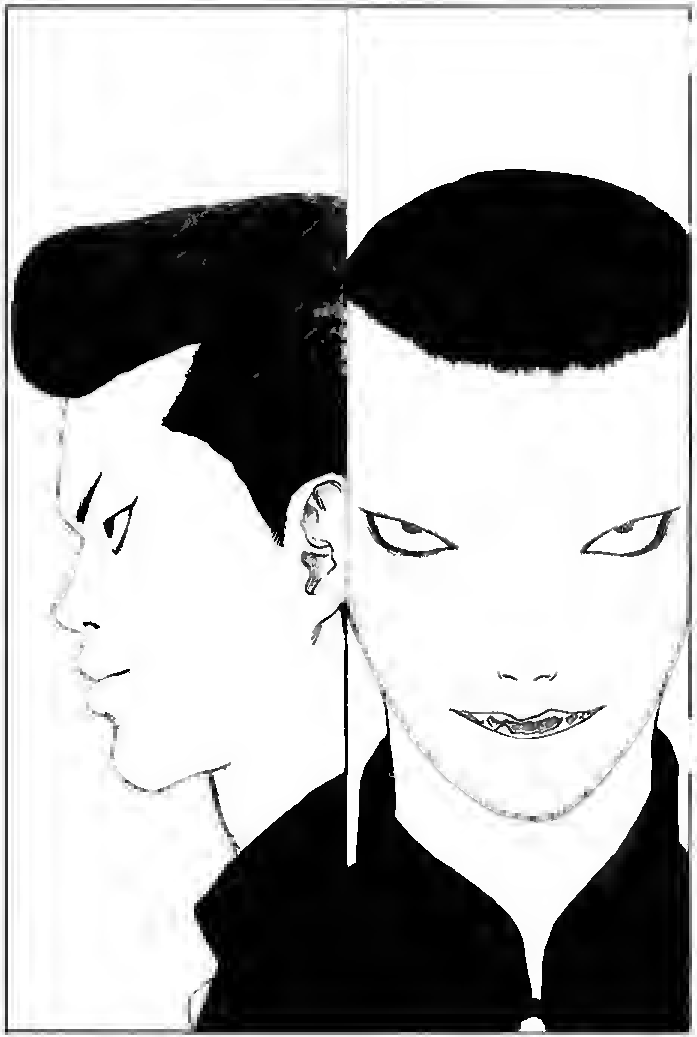
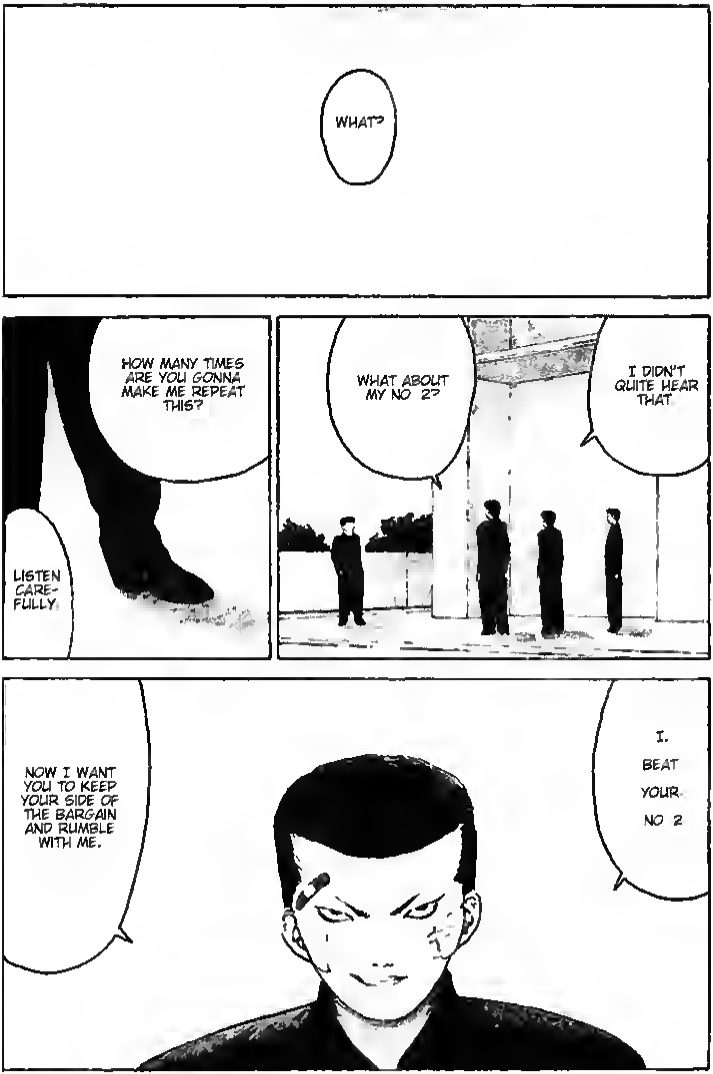
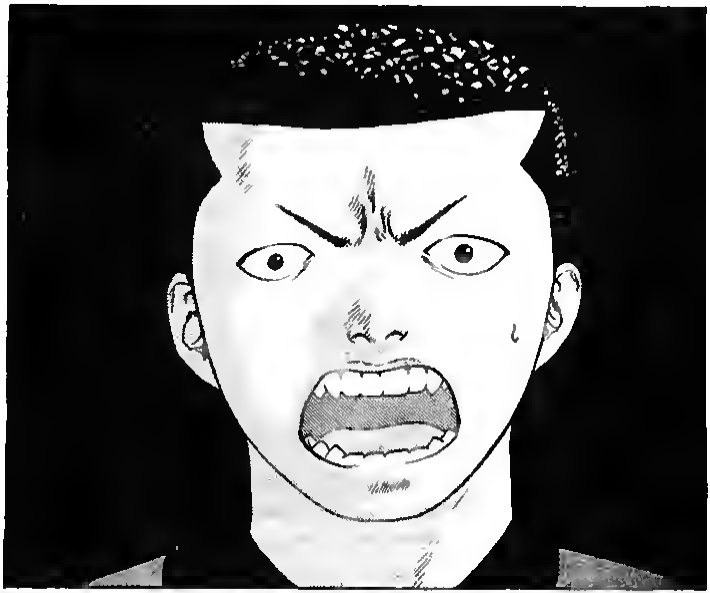
Battle for Guardian!!






WHAT?
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GONNA MAKE ME REPEAT THIS?
LISTEN CAREFULLY.
WHAT ABOUT MY NO 2?
I DIDN'T QUITE HEAR THAT.
NOW I WANT YOU TO KEEP YOUR SIDE OF THE BARGAIN AND RUMBLE WITH ME.
I. BEAT YOUR NO 2



KITANO...'S ANKLE DROP! AND IT'S ONLY BEEN 30 MINUTES SINCE I TOLD YOU...
I MEAN... UH...
KITANO-SAN...?

IT'S TRUE. WHY WOULD I LIE?
SURELY YOU MUST BE JOKING...
BUT YOU COULDN'T HAVE BEATEN KITANO-SAN

I FOUGHT NO. 2 RIGHT AFTER I TALKED WITH YOU GUYS...
I TAKE THE QUICK OFFENSIVE!

HE WAS TOUGH, LIKE A NO. 2 SHOULD BE.
BUT IN THE END, HIS LEGS COULDN'T SUPPORT HIM ANYMORE.
I COULDN'T HELP IT. HE ATTACKED ME FIRST, SO I JUST ANSWERED THE CALL.
B... BUT I TOLD YOU TO TAKE ON THE BLOND KID FIRST..
HE GOT THE WRONG PERSON!
AND WE ONLY BASED THAT OFF OF WHAT HE SAID WITHOUT CHECKING FOR OUR-SELVES!
K, KURODA-SAN. ?
I'M SO SORRY FOR MAKING YOU GO THROUGH ALL OF THIS ON JUST A GUESS!
HAAHAHA HAHAHA!!
OH, I GET IT!!
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WRONG PERSON ..?
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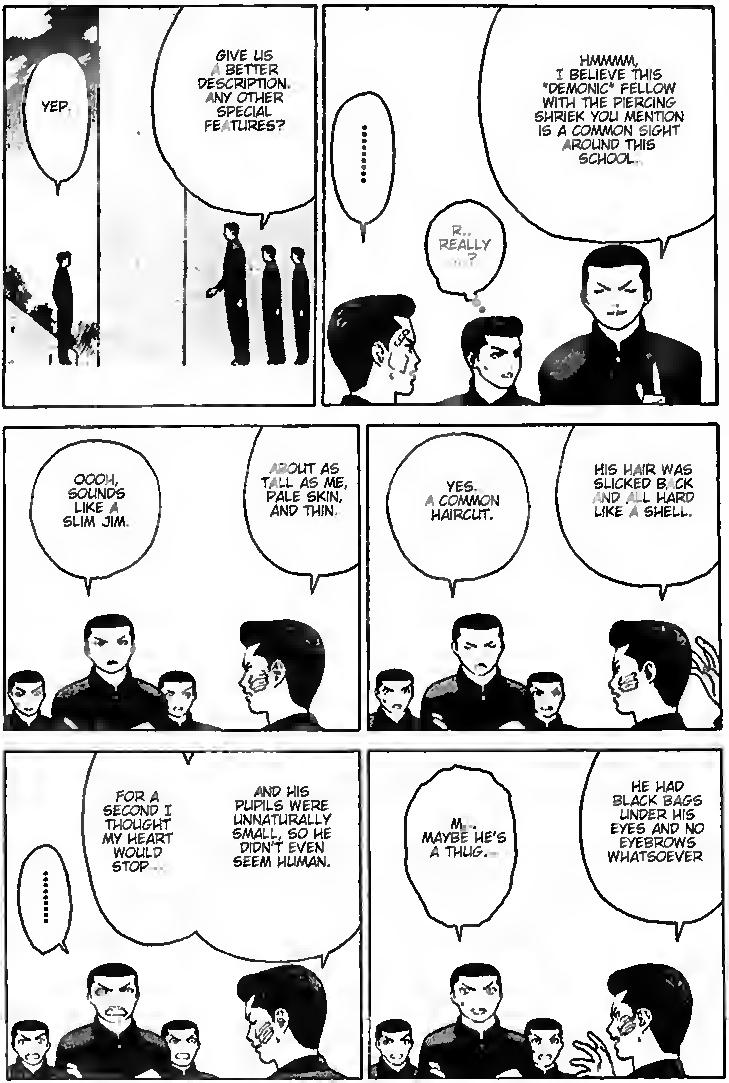
YEP.
GIVE US A BETTER DESCRIPTION. ANY OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES?
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R.. REALLY ...?
HMMMM, I BELIEVE THIS "DEMONIC" FELLOW WITH THE PIERCING SHRIEK YOU MENTION IS A COMMON SIGHT AROUND THIS SCHOOL..
OOOH, SOUNDS LIKE A SLIM JIM.
ABOUT AS TALL AS ME, PALE SKIN, AND THIN.
YES. A COMMON HAIRCUT.
HIS HAIR WAS SLICKED BACK AND ALL HARD LIKE A SHELL.
.....
FOR A SECOND I THOUGHT MY HEART WOULD STOP...
AND HIS PUPILS WERE UNNATURALLY SMALL, SO HE DIDN'T EVEN SEEM HUMAN.
M.. MAYBE HE'S A THUG...
HE HAD BLACK BAGS UNDER HIS EYES AND NO EYEBROWS WHATSOEVER

IT CAN'T BE ANYONE BUT KITANO-SAN...
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T... THAT'S CLEARLY KITANO-SAN...

WHICH MEANS I JUST CAN'T FIGHT YOU HERE.
TRUTHFULLY SPEAKING, THE MIGHTY GUARDIAN OF THIS SCHOOL SIMPLY CANNOT GET INVOLVED UNLESS THE SITUATION IS ENTIRELY CONFIRMED...

W... WHAT?!
THAT MANY ?!
LIKE... 5 OR 6.
I... I SEE. BASED ON YOUR DESCRIPTION, I CAN THINK OF SEVERAL GUYS AT THIS SCHOOL WHO RESEMBLE THAT.

THIS SCHOOL IS CRAAAAAZY
THERE ARE 5 OR 6 MORE PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE THAT GUY...?

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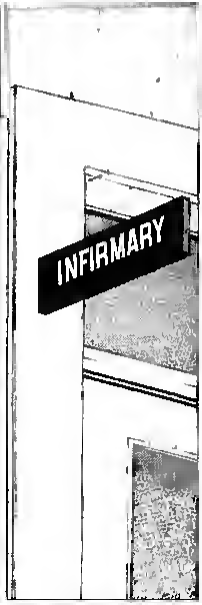
AND THEN THE BATTLE FOR GUARDIAN WILL BEGIN ...
SO GO AHEAD AND DISCOVER THE TRUTH QUICKLY!

HOW COULD KITANO-SAN LOSE?
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT?

IT'LL BE CLEAR WHEN WE SEE HIM OUR-SELVES
WE'LL NEED TO ASCERTAIN THE TRUTH FIRST.

THAT WAS OBVIOUSLY KITANO-SAN HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.
THERE AREN'T 5 OR 6 OTHER PEOPLE WITH FEATURES LIKE THAT IN THE ENTIRE WORLD!


INFIRMARY

IT'S FINE.
ARE YOU SURE YOU SHOULD DO THIS WHILE THE NURSE ISN'T HERE?
THIS LOOKS JUST RIGHT.
PERFECT.
BUT THAT'S THE POINT. THIS IS WHAT MOST PEOPLE WOULD LOOK LIKE AFTER BEING HIT THAT MUCH
R... RYOKO-CHAN, I THINK THIS IS A BIT EXAGGERATED ...
C'MON, LET'S GO BACK TO CLASS.
?
NO IF YOU DON'T SHOW SOME KIND OF INJURY AFTER ALL THAT, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE SCARED OF YOU AGAIN.
BUT I'M NOT REALLY HURT THAT BAD..
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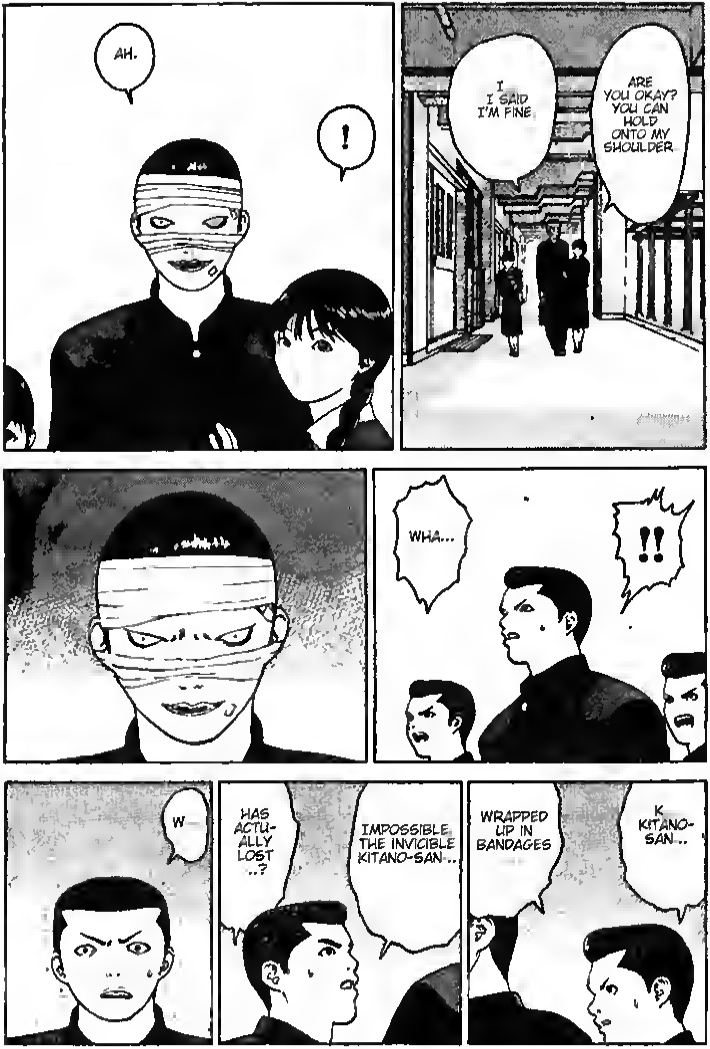
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO—
WHAT IF IT'S TRUE?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, KURODA-SAN..?


AH.
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I SAID I'M FINE.
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU CAN HOLD ONTO MY SHOULDER.
WHA...
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HAS ACTUALLY LOST ...?
IMPOSSIBLE. THE INVICIBLE KITANO-SAN...
WRAPPED UP IN BANDAGES
K KITANO-SAN...

WALKING SO CLOSE TO EACH OTHER...?
WHY ARE KOISO RYOKO AND KITANO-SAN...
DON'T YOU GET IT?!
WE ARE IN A VERY SERIOUS EMERGENCY, BOTH US AND KITANO-SAN!
WHEN DID THE GET SO SCARY
Y YEAH
ENOUGH ABOUT HER, ALREADY!
NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR THAT, KURODA-SAN!
THE BATTLE FOR GUARDIAN DEPENDS ON THIS!
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PLEASE, ACT A LITTLE BETTER!
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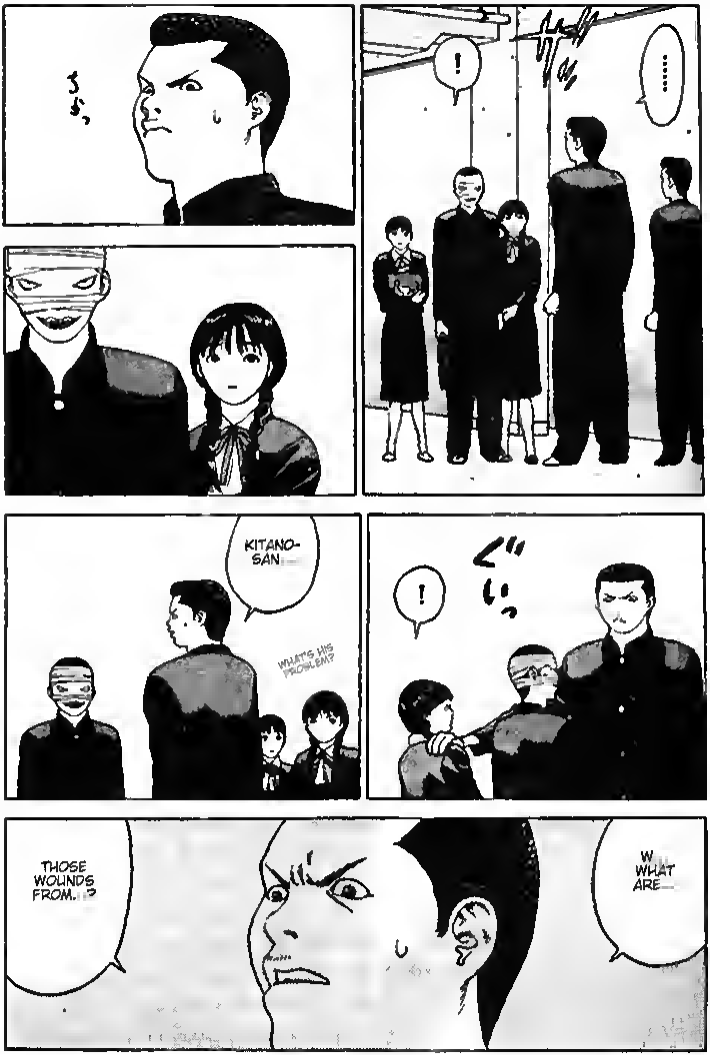
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KITANO-SAN...
WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM?
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THOSE WOUNDS FROM...!?
W-WHAT ARE...

HUH?
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KITANO-KUN GOT A CRUSHED, REALLY BADLY.
HE GOT BEAT UP IN A FIGHT.
KITANO-SAN'S SPEECH IS FALTERING
I KNEW IT...
IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS...
OH, THIS... HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN IT...?
UMMM ...
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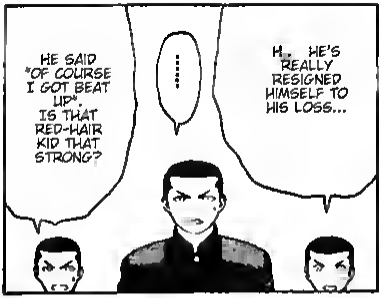
THAT SILLY BOY WITH THE RED HAIR YOU MUST HAVE SEEN HIM.
UM ... YEAH, I GUESS
IS... IS THAT TRUE, KITANO-SAN?!
WHO BEAT YOU? WHO DID IT...?

I SAID SOMETHING REALLY RUDE NO WONDER HE HIT ME
OH, I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT WAS JUST THE COLOR OF HIS HAIR
YOU DON'T BELIEVE A THING I SAY, DO YOU?
R... REALLY?! THAT RED-HEAD KID REALLY BEAT YOU?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? KITANO-KUN DOESN'T GO AROUND HITTING BACK AT PEOPLE!
W-WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?! ARE YOU REALLY GONNA BACK DOWN AFTER TAKING ALL THAT BEATING, KITANO-SAN?!
I WOULDN'T THINK OF STRIKING BACK
OF COURSE I GOT BEAT UP...


HE SAID "OF COURSE I GOT BEAT UP", IS THAT RED-HAIR KID THAT STRONG?
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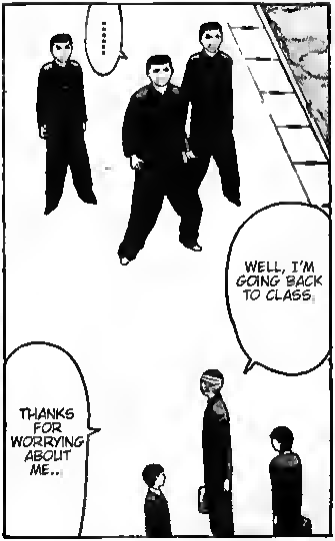
H... HE'S REALLY RESIGNED HIMSELF TO HIS LOSS...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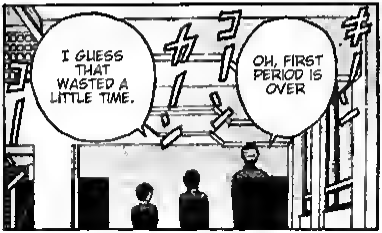
WELL, I'M GOING BACK TO CLASS.
THANKS FOR WORRYING ABOUT ME..


I GUESS THAT WASTED A LITTLE TIME.
OH, FIRST PERIOD IS OVER

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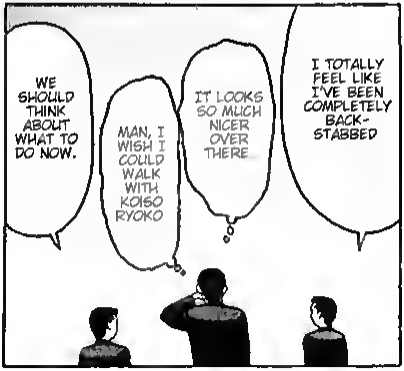
WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT WHAT TO DO NOW.
MAN, I WISH I COULD WALK WITH KOISO RYOKO
IT LOOKS SO MUCH NICER OVER THERE
I TOTALLY FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN COMPLETELY BACK-STABBED

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. SEEING THE MIGHTY FORM OF KITANO-SAN LOOKING SO FRAIL MAKES ME SAD, TOO
SOB
KURODA-SAN
!

HUH?!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S DO THIS!!
GUARDIAN BATTLE!!
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IF I WIN THIS ONE, I'LL BE GUARDIAN AGAIN! IT'S A GOOD DEAL!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ..
WAIT, WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
I WILL RETAKE THE GUARDIAN THRONE AND STEAL KOISO RYOKO'S ATTENTION!
YES... YES! I WILL TRIUMPH!
NEVER KNOW UNTIL YOU TRY!
YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY WIN!
B-BUT YOU'RE FIGHTING THE GUY WHO BEAT KITANO-SAN!
WE COULD DIE...
THE FEAR HAS FINALLY DRIVEN KURODA-SAN MAD.

HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
THAT'S ODD I WONDER IF SOMETHING HAPPENED.
KITANO-SAN NEVER SHOWED UP FOR FIRST PERIOD
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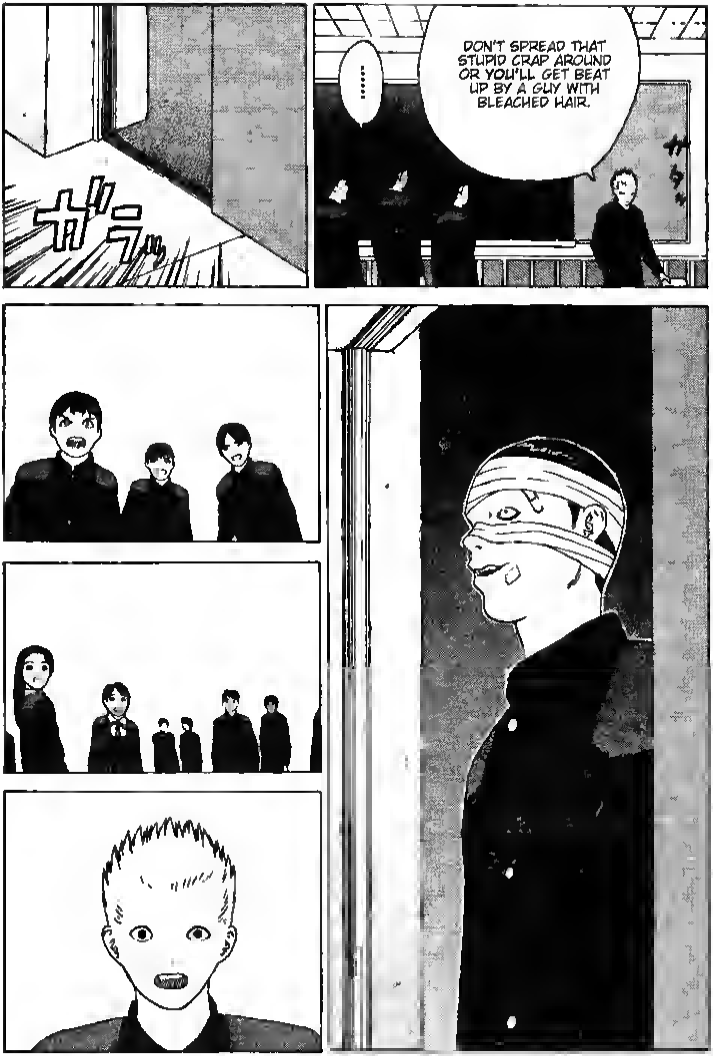
IT WAS THAT RED-HAIRED GUY WHO JUST TRANSFERRED IN YESTERDAY..
BY WHO?
I'M NOT KIDDING.
KITANO-KUN DID?
HE LOST?
LOTS OF PEOPLE SAW IT THEY SAID HE GOT BEAT UP BAD.
KITANO-SAN WOULD NEVER LOSE TO THAT MORON
THE RED-HEAD? THAT'S BULLSHIT
WHOAA!!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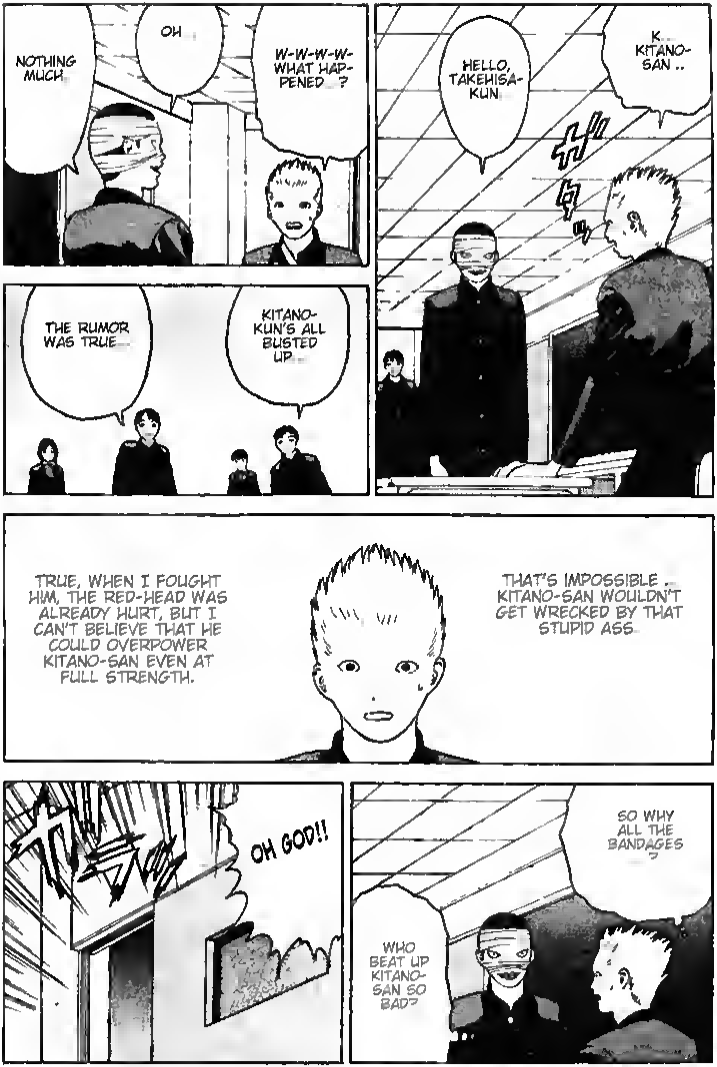
DON'T SPREAD THAT STUPID CRAP AROUND OR YOU'LL GET BEAT UP BY A GUY WITH BLEACHED HAIR.


NOTHING MUCH.
OH
W-W-W-W-WHAT HAPPENED...?
HELLO, TAKEHISA-KUN.
K...KITANO-SAN..
THE RUMOR WAS TRUE...
KITANO-KUN'S ALL BUSTED UP...
TRUE, WHEN I FOUGHT HIM, THE RED-HEAD WAS ALREADY HURT, BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE COULD OVERPOWER KITANO-SAN EVEN AT FULL STRENGTH.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.. KITANO-SAN WOULDN'T GET WRECKED BY THAT STUPID ASS.
OH GOD!!
WHO BEAT UP KITANO-SAN SO BAD?
SO WHY ALL THE BANDAGES...?

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WHAT?!
UP ON THE ROOF, THAT NEW KID WHO TRANSFERRED IN YESTERDAY IS FIGHTING THIS GUY KURODA WHO I GUESS USED TO BE THE GUARDIAN HERE!
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THIS IS GONNA BE A BATTLE FOR THE TITLE OF GUARDIAN OF HEKIKUU!
THAT REDHEAD'S THE ONE WHO BEAT KITANO-KUN UP.
H... HEY...
KITANO-KUN!
WHEN DID YOU
AAAH!

KNOCK IT OFF, YOU MORONS.
KITANO-SAN WOULDN'T LOSE TO THAT GUY.
STOP, OR KITANO-S.N WILL SNAP TOO.
OH...
CRAP ...
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AH!
KITANO-SAN!
K...
AAAAH!
WAH!

HUH?
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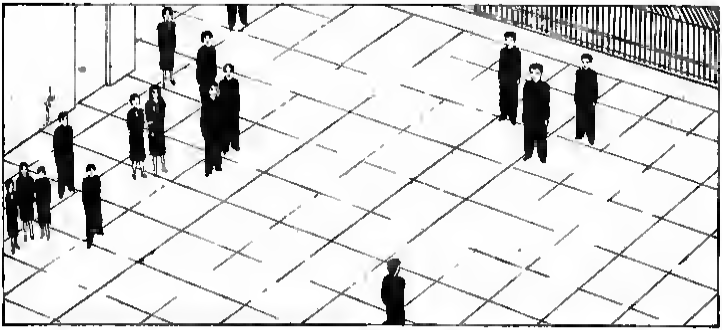
HUH?
!
THIS IS BAD! KURODA-SAN HEARD I GOT BEAT UP,
AND WENT TO GET REVENGE FOR ME!
DON'T DO IT, KURODA-SAN..!
IT WAS MY FAULT, DON'T HIT HIM!



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BUT THIS WILL MAKE A GOOD AMOUNT OF WITNESSES TO OUR BATTLE FOR GUARDIAN.
WELL, YOU CERTAINLY HAVE PLENTY OF TIME ON YOUR HANDS
WOW, THAT HAIR REALLY MAKES HIM LOOK LIKE A PUNK
IS THAT THE GUY WHO BEAT UP KITANO-KUN?
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IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE TEACHERS FIND OUT AND STOP US.
NOW, SHALL WE?
IF KITANO-SAN IS A HUMAN WEAPON, THEN HE MUST BE THE ULTIMATE HUMAN WEAPON
WE MIGHT DIE HERE
I'D SAY PRETTY TOUGH
HEY... HOW TOUGH DO YOU THINK HE IS...?
HE DID BEAT DOWN KITANO-SAN
UH... YOU AREN'T REGRETTING THE IDEA TO ACCEPT THIS GUARDIAN BATTLE, ARE YOU?
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C'MON... ISN'T THERE ANY PLAN WE CAN USE?!
PLAN ?
BETTER THAN RECEIVING A PAINFUL AWAKENING.
HEY... WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO SCARE ME JUST BEFORE WE FIGHT?
WHILE MAINTAINING UPPERCLASSMEN SUPERIORITY AND LOOKING MUCH COOLER BESIDES?!
ISN'T THERE SOME WAY TO LOSE THIS FIGHT WITHOUT TAKING MUCH DAMAGE...
AH-.
NO, THERE ISN'T.
!!
HERE HE COMES !
IT'S CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE, SIR!
THINK, DAMN YOU! THINK!

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WELL, HE WAS THE GUARDIAN BEFORE...
EVEN IF KITANO-KUN BEAT HIM ONCE, THAT THIRD-YEAR GUY LOOKS PRETTY TOUGH
THE BATTLE FOR GUARDIAN BEGINS
THERE HE GOES...
NOW SHOW ME THE POWER OF THIS SCHOOL'S NO.1 WARRIOR!
I'VE FINALLY COME THIS FAR
FIGHT HIM, WHAT ELSE?!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!
H-HE'S COMING, HE'S COMING!
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IS IT OVER ?
HUH?
I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO FIGHT BUT YOU CAN'T PRETEND TO BE KNOCKED OUT AFTER ONE PUNCH
C-COME ON, STOP PLAYING AROUND!
KURODA-SAN!
K-
NNG ..
N...

HE IS SO WEAK
DAMN HE REALLY DID GET LAID OUT WITH ONE PUNCH
WHY ARE WE FOLLOWING HIM?
HUH? WHAT THE? WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
HUH... WHAT ABOUT THE GUARDIAN BATTLE?
ACTING AS IF HE JUST KNOCKED ME OUT WITH ONE PUNCH OR SOMETHING!
WHAT THE HELL IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
HE JUST DID.
YOU CAN'T FOOL ME INTO LETTING MY GUARD DOWN.
STOP DOING THAT CRAP ON PURPOSE.
KIEEEEEEE!!
UNHAND ME, THE FIGHT IS YET TO COME!
C'MON, LET'S GIVE UP, KURODA-SAN!
THAT'S ENOUGH! YOUR LIFE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN BEING GUARDIAN.
IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T FIGURED IT OUT, WE CAN'T WIN THIS FIGHT
WE CAN'T WIN

KIEEEEEEEEEE!!
WAH!
KIEEEEEEEEEE!!
WHERE IS IT...? I WAS IN SUCH A RUSH, I DIDN'T REALIZE...
THAT I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY THE ROOF IS!
UM...
AH...
SCREECH
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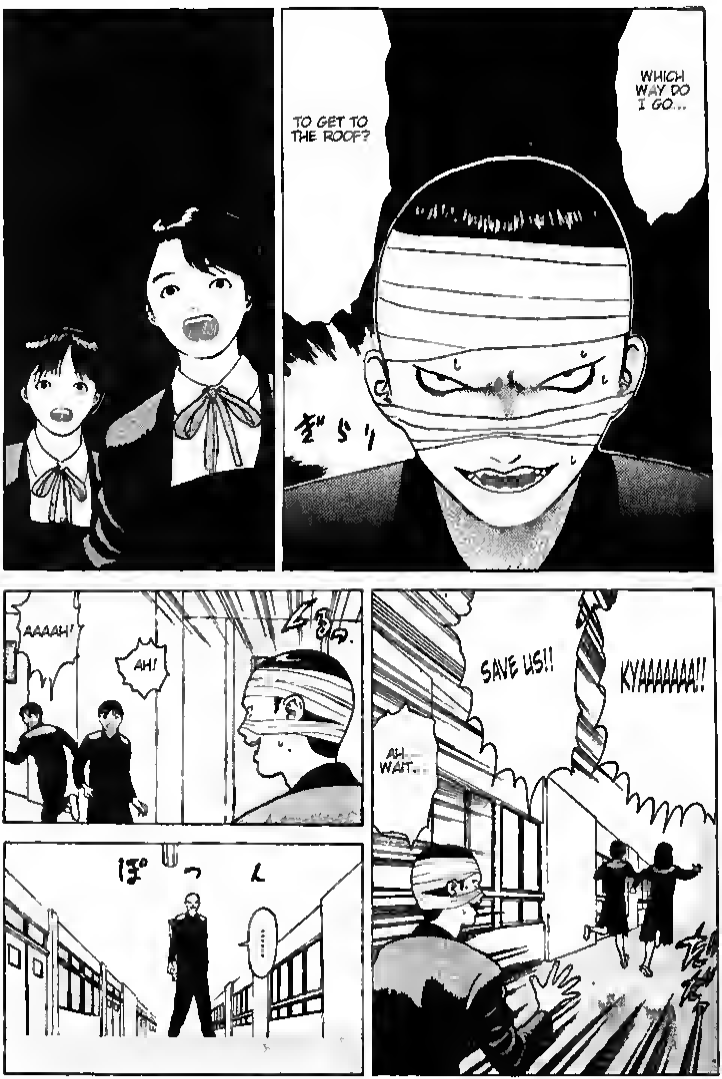
KYA!


TO GET TO THE ROOF?
WHICH WAY DO I GO...
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AH!
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SAVE US!!
KYAAAAAAA!!
AH... WAIT...

THIS IS OUR CLASS.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
R, RYOKO-CHAN!
KITANO-KUN
I CAN'T EVEN ASK PEOPLE FOR DIRECTIONS
AAAH!
RYOKO-CHAAAN!
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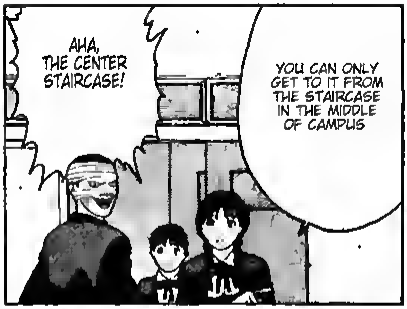
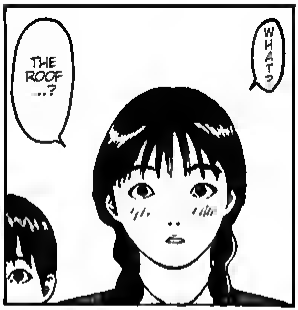
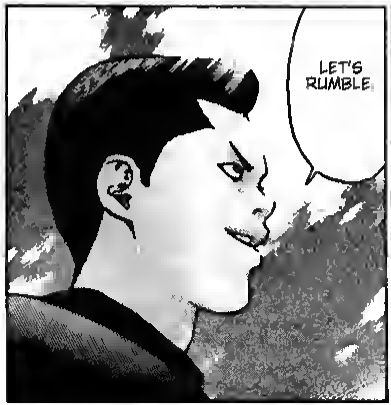
HOW DO I GET TO THE ROOF?
HOW DO I ...
W-WAIT, K.. KITANO-KUN...?
I'M SO GLAD I FOUND YOU! SO GLAD!
KOISO'S FLIRTING WITH HER BOY-FRIEND.
WHAT'S GOING ON?


AHA, THE CENTER STAIRCASE!
YOU CAN ONLY GET TO IT FROM THE STAIRCASE IN THE MIDDLE OF CAMPUS


THE ROOF ...?
WHAT?

WAS THAT...?
W... WHAT...

AH...
THANK YOU, RYOKO-CHAN!


LET'S RUMBLE!

TIME TO GET SERIOUS...

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W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, KURODA-SAN?!
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T BEAT HIM!
FINE, THEN.
BRING IT, IF YOU CAN.
!
SHUT UP, YOU GUYS! STOP SAYING I CAN'T WIN! YOU NEVER KNOW UNLESS YOU TRY!!
YOU ALREADY TRIED! THAT'S HOW WE KNOW!!
ENOUGH OF THIS SILLINESS!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! HOW COULD A BIG GUY LIKE ME GET KNOCKED OUT WITH ONE SHOT?!
AH-
WHAAAAAAAT? WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT, HAVE YOU GONE INSANE?!
YOU'RE THE ONE ACTING WEIRD, KURODA-SAN! DON'T YOU REMEMBER JUST BEING KNOCKED OUT BY THAT PUNCH?!

THAT PUNCH WAS SO HARD IT KNOCKED HIS MEMORIES AWAY
HE TOTALLY FORGOT...
HE FORGOT...
OF THIS SCHOOL'S NO. 1
NOW, LET ME SEE THE POWER...
YOU'LL SEE THE DIFFERENCE IN POWER SOON ENOUGH.
HMPH. DON'T THINK YOU'RE SO HOT BECAUSE YOU BEAT MY NO 2.
THAT PUNCH WAS SO HARD IT KNOCKED HIS ABILITY TO THINK RATIONALLY AWAY..
K, KURODA-SAN...
OH GOD... OH GOD..

AH...
GAAAA!!
KURODA-SAN..!!
KU...
HOW SIMPLE... I'LL JUST BLOCK IT AND FOLLOW WITH A COUNTER.
A DOWNWARD PUNCH STEMMING FROM HIS ADVANCED HEIGHT

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DEYAAAAH
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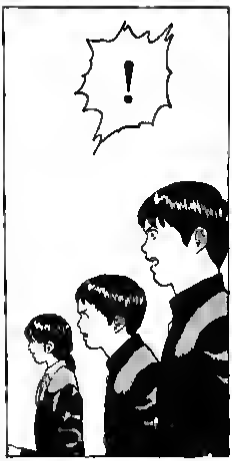
GUH...
NNG...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HUH?!!
I KNEW HE WOULD BE STRONG BASED ON HIS SIZE AND HEIGHT,
BUT THERE'S NO REASON TO BLOCK IN THIS SITUATION...
SHIT WHAT POWER .
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UGH ...
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HYUOOHHHHHHHHH!!
URYA!!
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DERYA!
DEYA!
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I SEE...
OH...
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KURODA-SAN'S PUSHING HIM BACK...
WHAT THE...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
BUT HE ALWAYS LOST HIS FIGHTS BECAUSE OF HIS TIMIDITY AND TENDENCY TO PANIC.
KURODA-SAN IS TALL AND LARGE BY NATURE, AND HE HAS CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH...

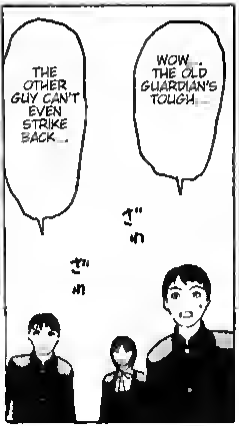
WITH THE FEAR OF HIS OPPONENT AND AWKWARD MOVEMENTS GONE, KURODA-SAN IS ACTUALLY PORTRAYING HIS TRUE POWER.
THAT ONE POWERFUL PUNCH KNOCKED HIS NORMAL THINKING PROCESS TOTALLY OUT OF WHACK, AND IT ISN'T COMING BACK.

UGAAH !!
GAAH!

DO I HAVE TO DODGE EVERY SINGLE PUNCH?
GUARDING IS MEANINGLESS...

BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR HIM, HE'S DISREGARDING HIS LEGS...
HE'S NOT ALL RIGHT

COULD THIS BE WHAT I THINK IT IS..?
IS... IS THIS...


THE OTHER GUY CAN'T EVEN STRIKE BACK...
WOW... THE OLD GUARDIAN'S TOUGH...

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SERYAA!
WHOA-
W-

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NNG....
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SHIT... THIS IS WHERE I'D TOTALLY PUT THE RUSH ON HIM
BUT THE POWER HE JUST SHOWED KEEPS ME FROM MOVING IN..
!
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YOU'VE STILL GOT THE LEAD!
GOOOO, KURODA-SAN!
BUT THAT REDHEAD'S TOO SCARED OF KURODA-SAN TO PRESS HIM
AHHH, DAMN, HE TOOK A HIT
THIS IS OUR CHANCE!
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THAT PUNCH KNOCKED HIM BACK INTO HIS SANITY!
OH NO... KURODA-SAN'S BACK TO NORMAL.
CRAP!

WHAT AM I DOING RIGHT NOW...?
W... WHAT?
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YOU WERE FIGHTING HIM BY YOURSELF! YOU CAN DO IT, YOU CAN WIN!
YOU WERE PUSHING HIM BACK, KURODA-SAN!
AND WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE I'M FIGHTING HIM ALONE?
I EVEN HAVE A FIGHTING POSE...
WHY AM I FACING OFF AGAINST THE ULTIMATE HUMAN WEAPON?
HUFF
HAHH
HAHH

JUST LIKE A SLEEPING LION, KURODA-SAN!
WHEN YOUR MEMORIES WERE KNOCKED AWAY, YOUR DORMANT POWER WAS DRAWN FORTH!
YOU'RE ACTUALLY REALLY TOUGH, KURODA-SAN!
THE MAN WHO DEFEATED KITANO-SAN...?
I WAS BEATING HIM...?
HOW...?
HAHA...
ME...
SLEEPING LION...
DORMANT POWER
BUT I'M SIMPLY ON A HIGHER PLANE OF EXISTENCE!
WAY TO GO, KURODA-SAN!
WOW HE'S GETTING INTO IT
YOU MAY BE A GOOD FIGHTER AND ALL-!
WELL?! HOW DO YOU LIKE THE TRUE STRENGTH OF HEKIKUU'S NO. 1 FIGHTER?!
WAHA-HAHA-HAHA!!
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THE TRUE POWER OF A SLEEPING LION!
KNOW THE POWER, YOU KNAVE!

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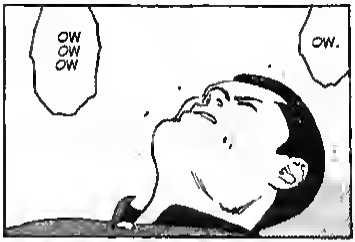
HUH?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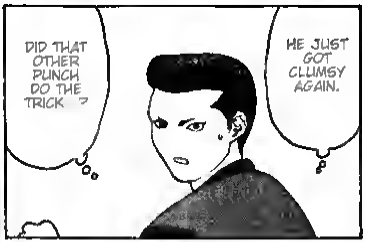
DID THAT OTHER PUNCH DO THE TRICK...?
HE JUST GOT CLUMSY AGAIN.

NO, THIS IS WHAT HE'S LIKE WHEN HE'S SANE...
MIGHT BE ONE REASON FOR KURODA-SAN'S EASY-GOING ARROGANCE...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SLEEPING LION?! WHAT KINDA BULLSHIT IS THAT?!
HOLY FUCK, HE JUST KNOCKED THE SHIT OUT OF ME!!

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I CAN'T LET THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ATTACK PASS!
GET HIM NOW WHILE HIS LEGS ARE DOWN!
WELL... THIS FIGHT'S PRETTY MUCH OVER...
THE ONLY WAY FOR US TO WIN IS IF WE KNOCKS UP KURODA-SAN AND MAKES HIM TOUGH AGAIN.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT SHOULD I DO?
H... HE'S COMING, HE'S COMING!
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KIEEEEEE
READY SET...
NOYOKYA KIKAKIEEE
KUROKI HEKIHYAEII
(NO, YOU MUSTN'T STRIKE BACK)
(KURODA-SAN)
!!

KITANO-SAN...

W...
WHAT THE...?!

HE'S ALL ROUGHED UP...
IT'S KITANO-KUN...
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IT HASN'T TURNED INTO A FIGHT YET, IT SEEMS.
OH, GOOD...

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M CURRENTLY IN A BATTLE FOR THE POSITION OF GUARDIAN
BUT YOUR TURN IS DONE ALREADY
STAY OUT OF IT

WELL WELL, IF IT ISN'T NO. 2
HEH
THOSE BANDAGES LOOK PITIFUL

WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN?
WOW, HE'S TREATING KITANO-KUN LIKE SOME NO-NAME THUG
THE RETURN MATCH BETWEEN KITANO-KUN AND THE REDHEAD!
WHOAAA, THERE HE GOES!
!
EVEN GOING TO FIGHT THIS FELLOW TO AVENGE ME
KUROD-SAN REALLY JUMPS TO CONCLU-SIONS QUICKLY.
!
I KNEW HE WASN'T THE TYPE OF GUY TO GET DOWN AFTER HE WAS DEFEATED!
KITANO-SAN'S GONNA FIGHT!
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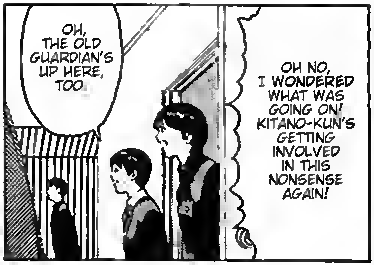
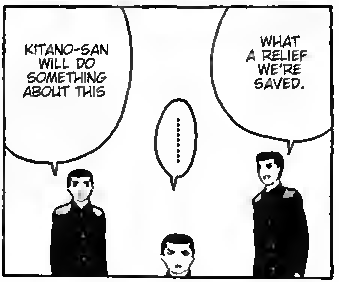
WAY TO GO, KITANO-SAN!
IN THAT CONDITION? YOU THINK YOU CAN TAKE ME?
HEH, SO YOU WANNA FIGHT?


OH, THE OLD GUARDIAN'S UP HERE, TOO.
OH NO, I WONDERED WHAT WAS GOING ON! KITANO-KUN'S GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS NONSENSE AGAIN!

STOP IT! IF YOU DO ANYMORE, PEOPLE WILL THINK WEIRDER THINGS ABOUT YOU, INSTEAD!
I'M GOING TO STOP HIM!
WHY DOES HE ALWAYS STICK HIS NECK INTO THESE STUPID FIGHTS?!

KURODA-SAN!
AH-


KITANO-SAN WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS
WHAT A RELIEF WE'RE SAVED.

NOW, WHILE HIS ATTENTION IS TAKEN BY KITANO-SAN!!
NOW! I CAN DO IT NOW!
I MUST DEFEAT THAT BOY TO CURRY THE FAVOR OF FAIR KOISO RYOKO .
NO, THAT CAN'T HAPPEN!
AH-
ITKIEEME KIEEEEEE
(IT'S ALL MY FAULT!)
NOKUKIE SHIKIEEEE
(NO, KURODA-SAN!)
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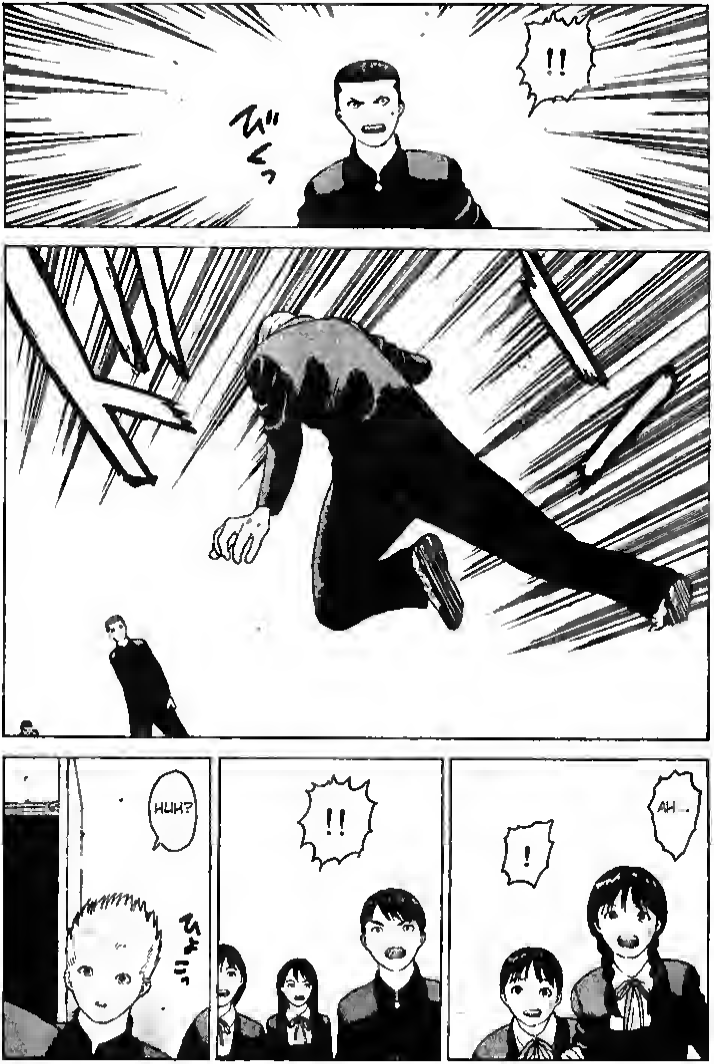
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AH..

KIEEEEE
KIEEEE!!
TALK ABOUT A SORE LOSER
I CAN SEE EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO
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I CAN DO THIS !!
YES, HE'S ENTIRELY FOCUSED ON KITANO-SAN RIGHT NOW!
EVEN IF THIS MIGHTY WARRIOR DEFEATED KITANO-SAN ..
A SPEEDY, POWERFUL SNEAK ATTACK LIKE THIS IS SURE TO...
GRIP

IT'S SO EASY TO MAKE A COUNTER!
THOSE DIRECT MOVEMENTS ARE YOUR WEAK POINT!
FASTER... MUST GO FASTER...
OH NO... I WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME!

BUT FOR KURODA-SAN'S SAKE I CAN'T LET HIM HIT THIS BOY.
I WON'T MAKE IT. I CAN'T GET INBETWEEN HIM AND KURODA-SAN
HUH?
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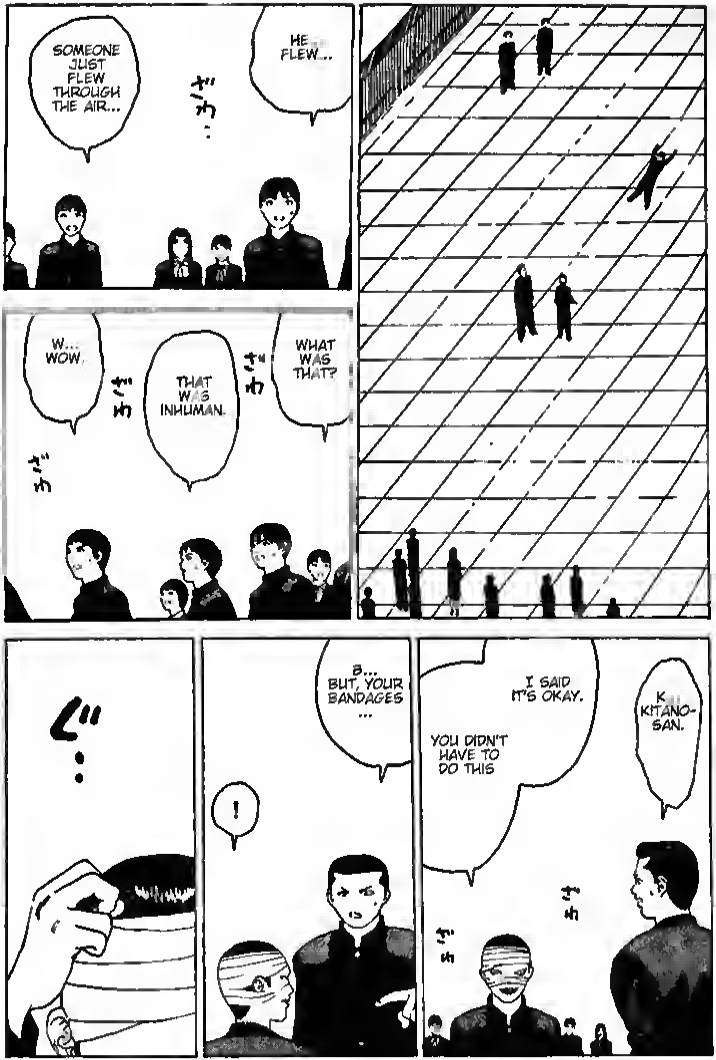
HUH?


SOMEONE JUST FLEW THROUGH THE AIR...
HE FLEW...
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W... WOW.
THAT WAS INHUMAN.
WHAT WAS THAT?
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!
B... BUT, YOUR BANDAGES ...
I SAID IT'S OKAY.
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS
K KITANO-SAN.
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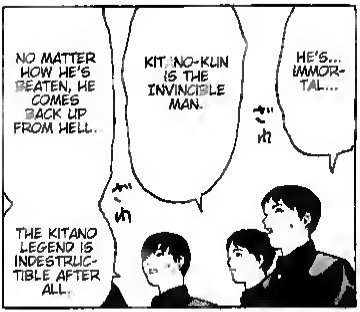
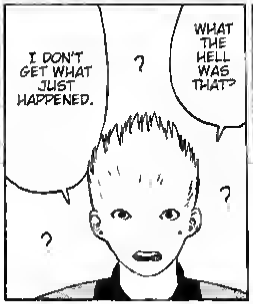
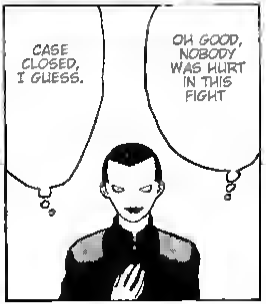
I HIT HIM SO MANY TIMES...
I'M... POSSIBLE..
HUH?!
THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO STRIKE BACK AGAINST HIM, KURODA-SAN.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE WORRIED IF I GET KNOCKED AROUND A LITTLE BIT.
I'M USED TO BEING HIT


NO MATTER HOW HE'S BEATEN, HE COMES BACK UP FROM HELL.
KITANO-KUN IS THE INVINCIBLE MAN.
HE'S... IMMORTAL...
THE KITANO LEGEND IS INDESTRUCTIBLE AFTER ALL.

HE'S A NATURAL FIGHTING EXPERT.
WELL, OF COURSE NOT. HE ISN'T A NORMAL PERSON.
AND HE'S GOT A VERY KIND AND PURE HEART, JUST LIKE AN ANGEL.
HUH?
THAT'S WHY HE ALWAYS STICKS HIS HEAD INTO FIGHTS

IT'S JUST NOT THAT EASY, I GUESS.
DAMN, JUST WHEN I THOUGHT I'D MADE KITANO-KUN OUT TO BE JUST A NORMAL PERSON.


I DON'T GET WHAT JUST HAPPENED.
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?


CASE CLOSED, I GUESS.
OH GOOD, NOBODY WAS HURT IN THIS FIGHT

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MICHAEL NYMAN「THE PIANO」
STRATOVARIUS「FOURTH DIMENSION」
CHROMING ROSE「GARDEN OF EDEN」
QUEEN「GREATEST HITS」
GAMMA RAY「INSANITY AND GENIUS」

etc...

Lately, my assistants have been watching MTV all the time when I'm doing the pen lines, so I only listen to my own CD's when I'm drawing the rough draft sketches, and not all the time like I used to.
Rental CD shops won't just lend out Western CD's right away anymore, and since it sucks to buy one by a band you've never heard of and it turns out to blow, my number of dubbed cassettes has not been on the rise.
As usual, my tastes run to German metal and speed metal, so if you have any good recommendations, please write and let me know.

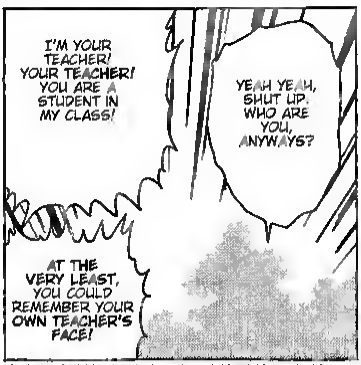
ACT.26 - No. 2 Couple?!

YEAH
IT'S A NICE MORNING.
I LOVE DAYS LIKE THIS
MMM MMM.
I CAUSED A LOT OF PROBLEMS FOR YOU, RYOKO-CHAN.
YEAH, REALLY.
A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENED YESTERDAY
BUT THE END RESULT WAS THE EXACT OPPOSITE.
I WAS TRYING TO MAKE PEOPLE SEE YOU FOR A NORMAL PERSON,
IT'S MY FAULT FOR GETTING WEIRD IDEAS
AND I TURNED YOU INTO A MUMMY TOO.

I WAS SURPRISED
YOU REALLY SAVED ME YESTERDAY. I WAS RUNNING AROUND AND GETTING LOST TRYING TO FIND THE ROOF, THEN YOU WERE THERE ALL OF A SUDDEN
OH NO, IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY.
IT'S NOTHING FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT.
HUH? OPPOSITE RESULT?
WHAT? NORMAL PERSON?
IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO REMEMBER
THAT'S MY CLASS. CLASS 1-7
HEHEH... THAT'S RIGHT, YOU LOOKED SO WORRIED.
YEAH, BUT YOU KNOW I WAS IN SUCH A PANIC, RUNNING AROUND.
?
IT'LL PROBABLY END UP CAUSING AN EVEN WORSE SCANDAL.
I ACTUALLY THINK YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT.
JUST STAY PUT
MAYBE I SHOULD GO AND APOLOGIZE FOR ALL OF THEM...
I DID A LOT OF REALLY RUDE THINGS TO THAT RED-HAIRED FELLOW

SHIT...
N NNNG...
I'LL HAVE TO GO TRAINING IN THE MOUNTAINS OR SOMETHING.
WELL, AT THE MOMENT I CAN'T SEE MYSELF WINNING IF I KEEP CHALLENGING HIM.
HE WASN'T EVEN HURT AFTER ALL THOSE BLOWS... WHAT THE HELL IS HE...?
MY CHEST STILL THROBS AFTER THAT BEATING FROM NO. 2...
!
GIGGLE
EITHER THAT, OR FIND HIS WEAK POINT...
CRAP
OH
WHAT A DORK
HEY LOOK
GIGGLE
GIGGLE

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN UNLESS YOU ACTUALLY VISITED YOUR CLASS ONCE!
WELL SHIT, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT!! HOW COME NOBODY EVER TELLS ME THESE THINGS?!


I'M YOUR TEACHER! YOUR TEACHER! YOU ARE A STUDENT IN MY CLASS!
YEAH YEAH, SHUT UP. WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAYS?
AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU COULD REMEMBER YOUR OWN TEACHER'S FACE!

*TN NOTE: IT IS APPARENTLY SUMMERTIME NOW, SO THE SCHOOL SWITCHES DRESS CODE TO A COOLER OUTFIT. A GAKURAN IS A HEAVY COAT UNIFORM.

YOU CAN SEE THAT ALL THE BOYS WERE WEARING THEM IN PREVIOUS CHAPTERS. THESE ARE A FAVORITE OF OLD-FASHIONED TEENAGE THUGS.

IT'S CLASS 7, CLASS 1-7!!
IT'S YOUR THIRD DAY HERE, AND YOU STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT CLASS YOU'RE IN?!
WHAT CLASS AM I IN?
OH, RIGHT, SPEAKING OF WHICH.
OH YEAH, I REMEMBER THEM SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT A TRANSFER STUDENT A WHILE AGO
I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS IN OUR CLASS...
JUST TRY TO PLAY NICE...
MUTTER
AND SO I PRESENT TO YOU, OGISU TAKASHI-KUN, WHO TRANSFERRED IN TWO DAYS AGO.
MUTTER
MUTTER
RYOKO
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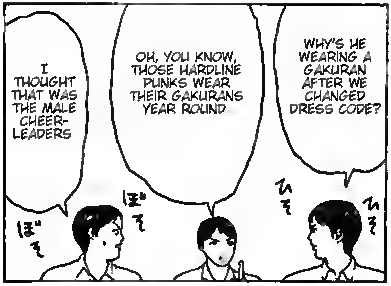
I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE MALE CHEER-LEADERS
OH, YOU KNOW, THOSE HARDLINE PUNKS WEAR THEIR GAKURANS YEAR ROUND
WHY'S HE WEARING A GAKURAN AFTER WE CHANGED DRESS CODE?
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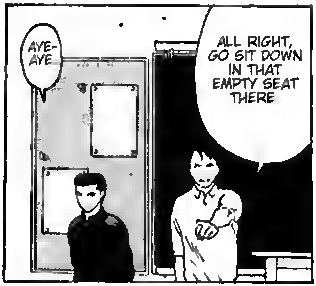
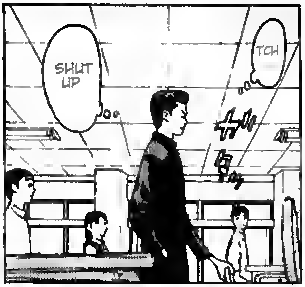

AYE-AYE
ALL RIGHT, GO SIT DOWN IN THAT EMPTY SEAT THERE


SHUT UP
TCH

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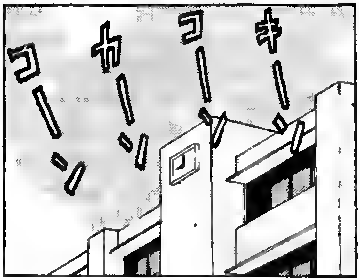
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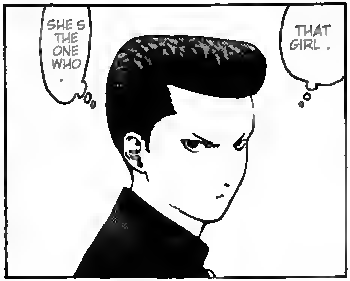
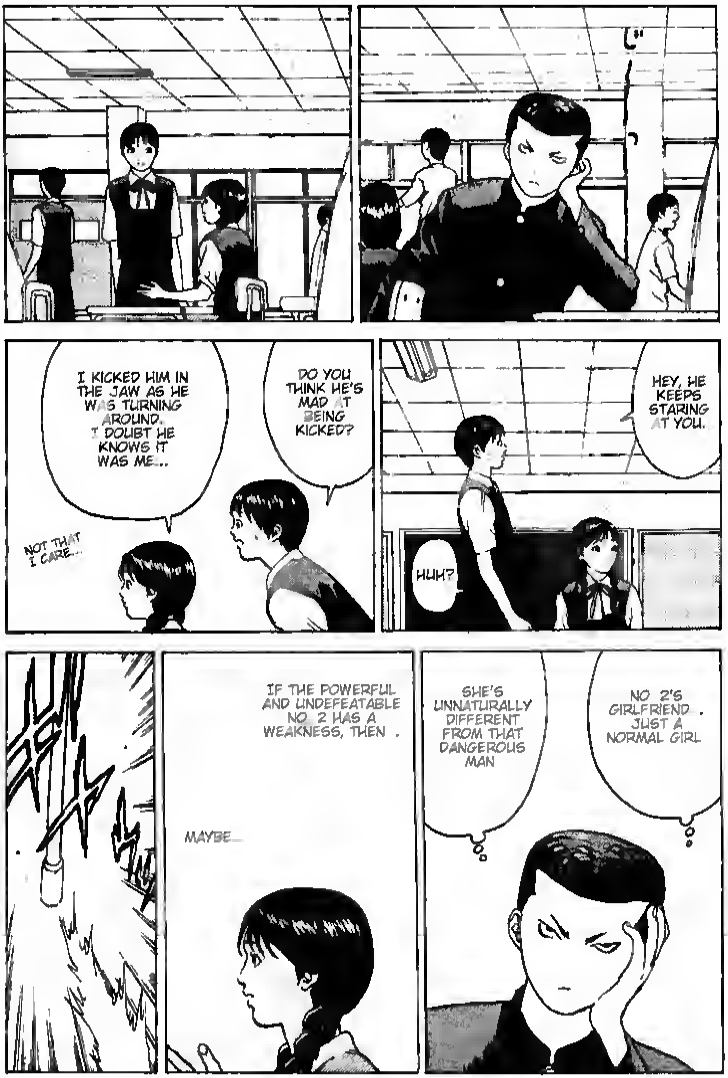
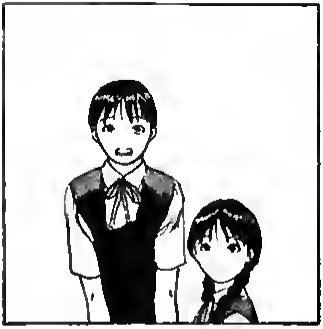
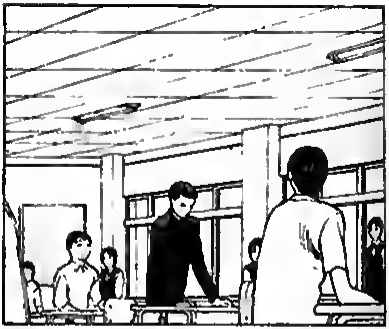

SHE'S THE ONE WHO.
THAT GIRL.


I KICKED HIM IN THE JAW AS HE WAS TURNING AROUND. I DOUBT HE KNOWS IT WAS ME...
DO YOU THINK HE'S MAD AT BEING KICKED?
NOT THAT I CARE...
HEY, HE KEEPS STARING AT YOU.
HUH?
IF THE POWERFUL AND UNDEFEATABLE NO. 2 HAS A WEAKNESS, THEN .
MAYBE...
SHE'S UNNATURALLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT DANGEROUS MAN
NO. 2'S GIRLFRIEND . JUST A NORMAL GIRL





RYOKO...
UM...

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H... HUH...?
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W... WHAT WAS ALL THAT?
HE WALKED OVER TOWARDS KOISO AND I THOUGHT HE WAS GONNA GET ANGRY.
IS HE LEAVING WITHOUT STAYING FOR CLASS TODAY?
THAT WAS SCARY.
I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO FIGHT YOU.
HMP...
BULL SHIT
IF THE NO. 2 IS THAT STRONG, THEN THE NO. 1 MUST HAVE NEARLY UNLIMITED POWER
HE'D BE LIKE AN ALIEN OR A SAIYAJIN TO ME

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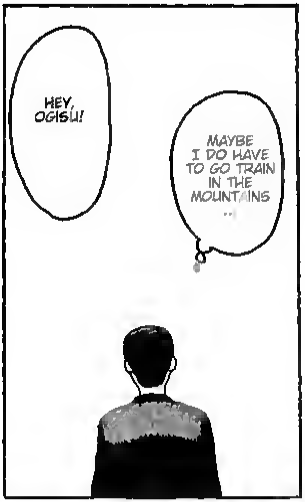
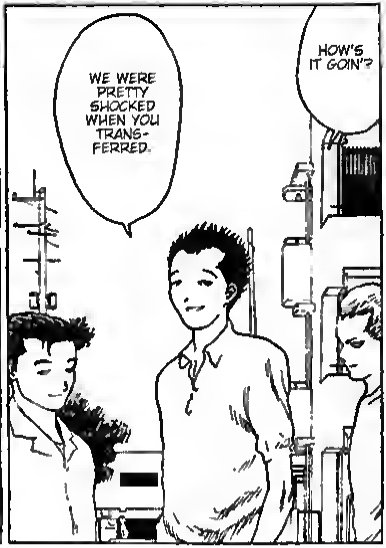
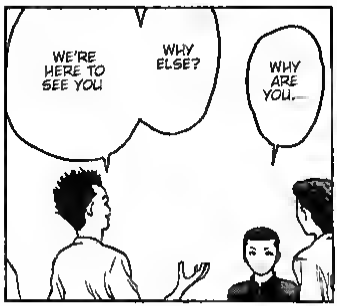
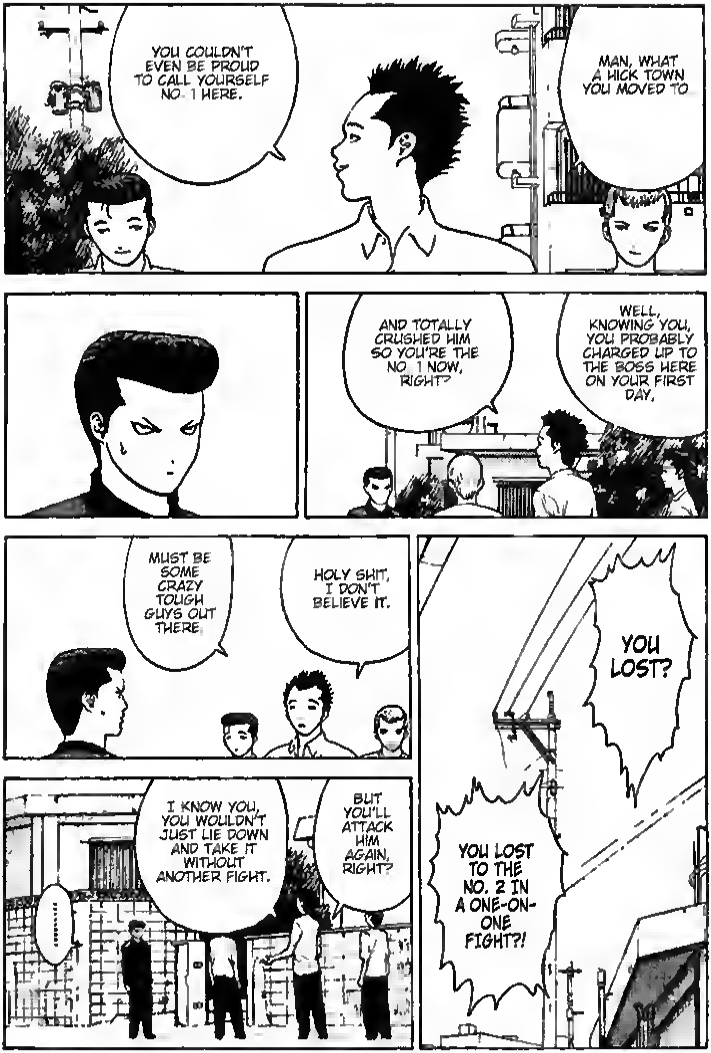

HEY, OGISU!!
MAYBE I DO HAVE TO GO TRAIN IN THE MOUNTAINS ...

YOU GUYS

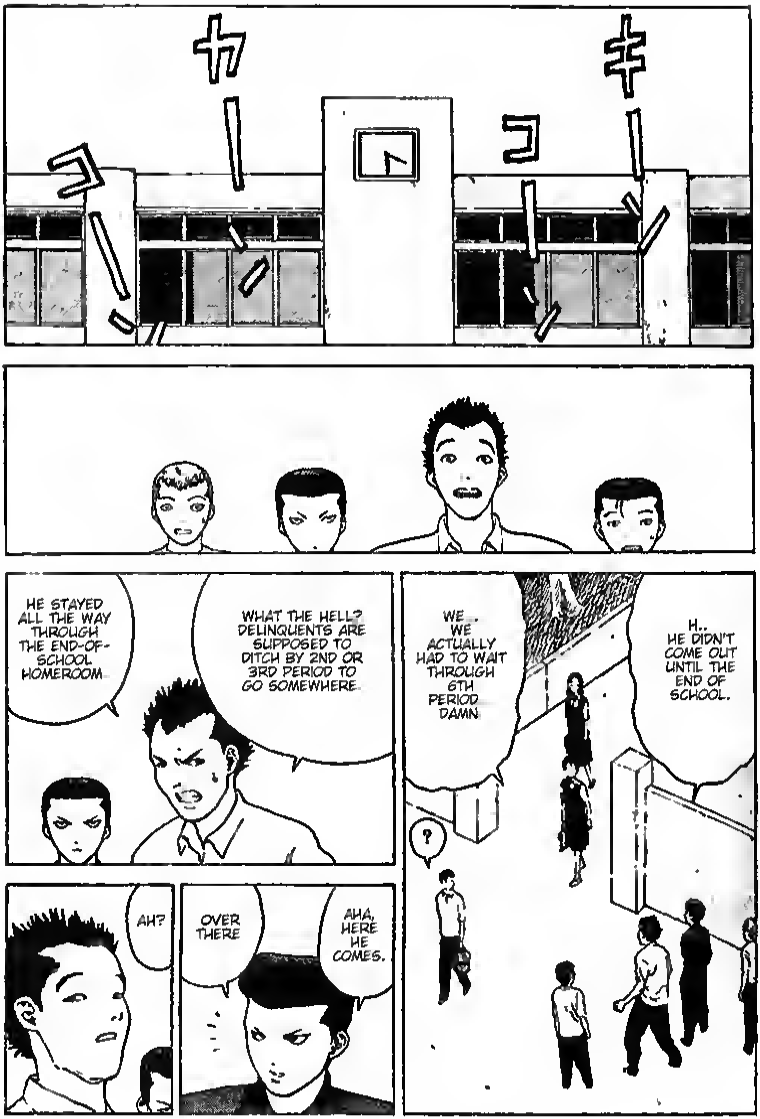

WE WERE PRETTY SHOCKED WHEN YOU TRANS-FERRED.
HOW'S IT GOIN'?

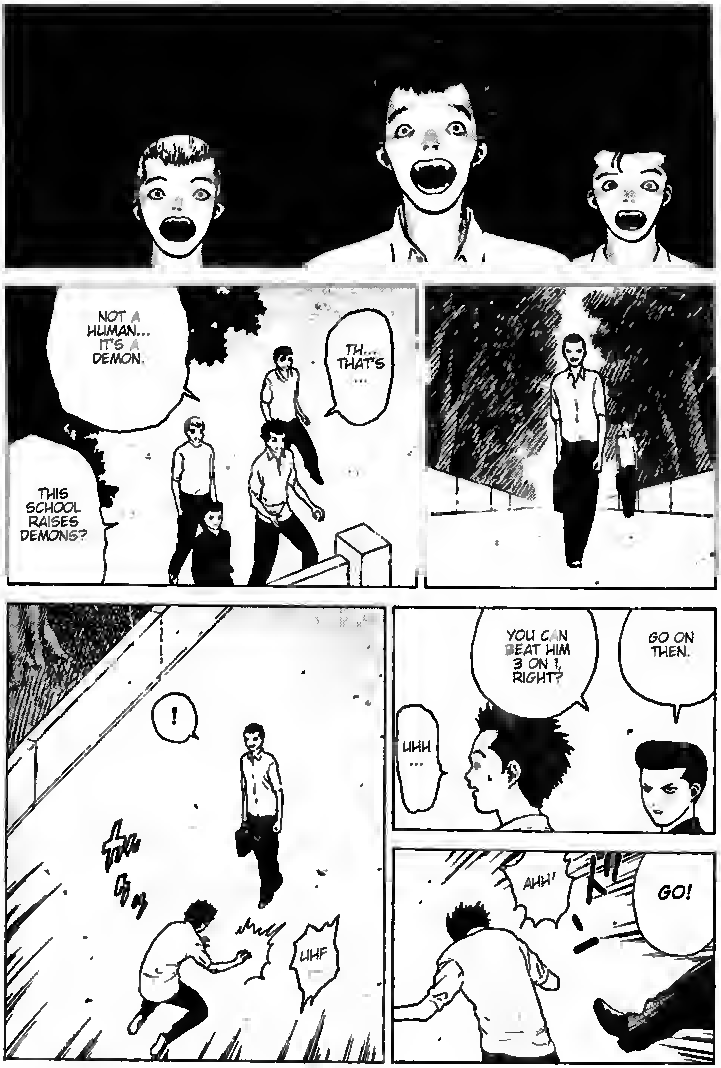

WE'RE HERE TO SEE YOU
WHY ELSE?
WHY ARE YOU...


YOU COULDN'T EVEN BE PROUD TO CALL YOURSELF NO. 1 HERE.
MAN, WHAT A HICK TOWN YOU MOVED TO
AND TOTALLY CRUSHED HIM SO YOU'RE THE NO. 1 NOW, RIGHT?
WELL, KNOWING YOU, YOU PROBABLY CHARGED UP TO THE BOSS HERE ON YOUR FIRST DAY.
MUST BE SOME CRAZY TOUGH GUYS OUT THERE.
HOLY SHIT, I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
YOU LOST?
YOU LOST TO THE NO. 2 IN A ONE-ON-ONE FIGHT?!
I KNOW YOU, YOU WOULDN'T JUST LIE DOWN AND TAKE IT WITHOUT ANOTHER FIGHT.
BUT YOU'LL ATTACK HIM AGAIN, RIGHT?
.....

WE'RE OLD PALS, SO ME AND THE BOYS WILL HELP YOU ON THIS ONE
OKAY, OKAY
YEAH.
WHAT'S ALL THIS? YOU MOVE, AND SUDDENLY YOU'RE A BIG PUSSY?
HAS THE TRANQUILITY OF THE COUNTRY-SIDE POISONED YOU?
WAIT, ARE YOU SERI-OUS?
I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP.
HE'S NOT THE KIND OF GUY THAT ANY NUMBER OF YOU COULD HOPE TO TAKE ON AND LIVE.
OR DO YOU NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF US GETTING CREDIT FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISH-MENTS?
DON'T HOLD BACK, WE'RE BUDDIES.
I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP.
THE POISON SPREAD THROUGH HIS BODY AND WEAKENED HIS ARMS TO THE POINT WHERE HE CAN'T BEAT THE NO. 2 HERE!
I THINK HE HAS BEEN POISONED BY THE COUNTRYSIDE!
WAHAHA HAHA! DID YOU HEAR THAT?

I'LL SHOW YOU WHETHER OR NOT MY ARMS HAVE WEAKENED.
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, YOU ALL TAKE ME ON, RIGHT NOW.
I WAS THINKIN' I MIGHT GIVE YOU SOME GOOD IDEAS.
YOU DON'T ALWAYS GOT TO FIGHT STRAIGHT-FORWARD, BRO.
DON'T GET MAD, I JUST WANTED TO TRY SAYIN' THAT
HAHAHA, I'M JUST KIDDING, MAN!
HE PROBABLY DOESN'T STAY FOR THE WHOLE CLASS ANYWAYS.
ANYWAYS, LET'S JUST WAIT UNTIL THE GUY SHOWS UP

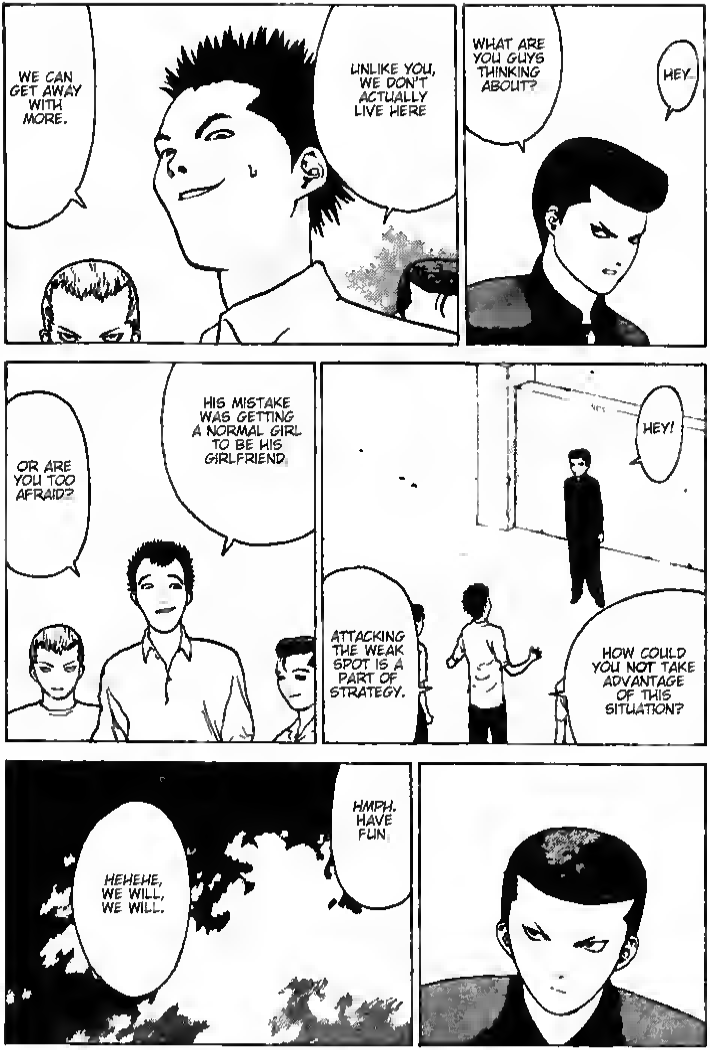

HE STAYED ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE END-OF-SCHOOL HOMEROOM.
WHAT THE HELL? DELINQUENTS ARE SUPPOSED TO DITCH BY 2ND OR 3RD PERIOD TO GO SOMEWHERE.
WE... WE ACTUALLY HAD TO WAIT THROUGH 6TH PERIOD. DAMN.
H.. HE DIDN'T COME OUT UNTIL THE END OF SCHOOL.
?
AH?
OVER THERE
AHA, HERE HE COMES.


NOT A HUMAN... IT'S A DEMON.
TH... THAT'S ...
THIS SCHOOL RAISES DEMONS?
!
UHF
YOU CAN BEAT HIM 3 ON 1, RIGHT?
GO ON THEN.
UHH ...
AHH!
GO!

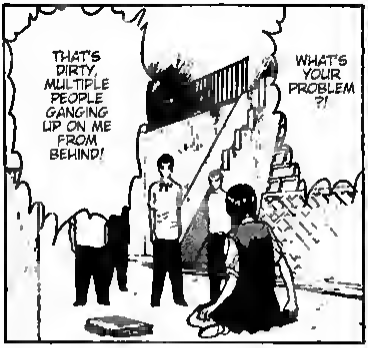
!!
HERE.
ARE YOU OKAY...?

AAAAH!
WAH ...
!
I TOLD YOU, I WAS ALMOST KNOCKED OFF THE ROOF YESTERDAY.
YOU CAN'T STAND UP TO HIM.
HE WAS ABOUT TO POKE MY EYE OUT!
W... W... WHAT IS HE?!
HE'S TERRIFYING.
?
!
OH, RYOKO-CHAN
KITANO-KUN!

WHAT?!
NO. 2'S WOMAN
A GIRL
WHO'S THAT?
HUH?
WE GOT A NEW STUDENT IN OUR CLASS TODAY.
THE RED-HAIRED BOY, HE TRANSFERRED INTO OUR CLASS
WHAT?
SO, WHO DO YOU THINK IT WAS?
IT'S SOMEONE YOU KNOW
SHE WAS HOT.
YEAH.
PRETTY NICE
THE DEMON'S WOMAN
HEHEH THAT WAS A SURPRISE

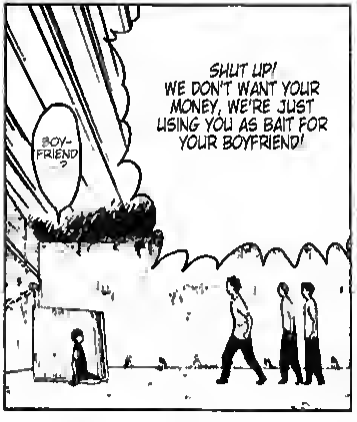

WE CAN GET AWAY WITH MORE.
UNLIKE YOU, WE DON'T ACTUALLY LIVE HERE
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS THINKING ABOUT?
HEY.
OR ARE YOU TOO AFRAID?
HIS MISTAKE WAS GETTING A NORMAL GIRL TO BE HIS GIRLFRIEND.
HEY!
ATTACKING THE WEAK SPOT IS A PART OF STRATEGY.
HOW COULD YOU NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION?
HMPH. HAVE FUN.
HEHEHE, WE WILL, WE WILL.

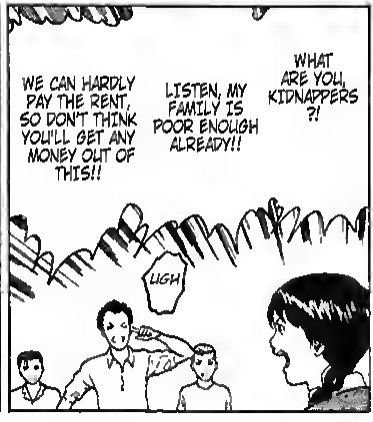
SHE'S FINALLY ALONE
SEEYA TOMOR-ROW
OKAY, BYE
LET'S GO, NOW!
YEAH!
THAT CRAZY GUY'S GIRLFRIEND IS TOTALLY A NORMAL CHICK, AND SHE DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE SHE'S WALKING IN A EMPTY PART OF TOWN
SEE? LOOK.
HUH?


THAT'S DIRTY, MULTIPLE PEOPLE GANGING UP ON ME FROM BEHIND!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM ?!

KYAAAA!

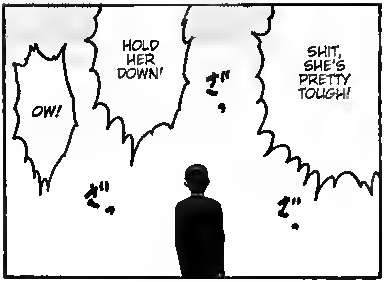
YOU'RE OUR PRECIOUS HOSTAGE, WE WON'T HURT YOU.
BUT IF YOU START SCREAMING, WE MIGHT HAVE TO.
QUIT YOUR BITCHIN'.


BOYFRIEND ?
SHUT UP! WE DON'T WANT YOUR MONEY, WE'RE JUST USING YOU AS BAIT FOR YOUR BOYFRIEND!

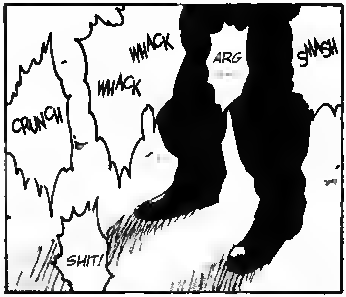

WE CAN HARDLY PAY THE RENT, SO DON'T THINK YOU'LL GET ANY MONEY OUT OF THIS!!
LISTEN, MY FAMILY IS POOR ENOUGH ALREADY!!
WHAT ARE YOU, KIDNAPPERS ?!
UGH

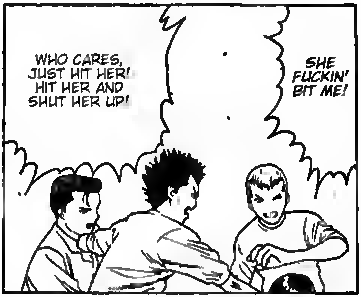
OKAY... SO KITANO-KUN DID SAY HE LIKED ME, BUT I DIDN'T GIVE HIM AN ANSWER, BUT ACTUALLY I REALLY LIKE HIM TOO...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! KITANO-KUN AND I ARE NOT LIKE THAT!!
UGH
YOU KNOW
DON'T PLAY DUMB, THAT GUY YOU WERE WALKING WITH
W-WHO'S MY "BOY-FRIEND"...?
AND WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH HIM?! HE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU!!
ANYWAYS, KITANO-KUN AND I ARE NOT DATING OR ANYTHING!!
.....
SHUT UP! NOBODY ASKED YOU!
BESIDES, WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT THAT?! IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!!
HELP ME SHUT HER UP!
IF SHE SCREAMS ANYMORE, PEOPLE ARE GONNA START RUNNING OVER!
GOD! SHUT THE FUCK UP, BITCH!

KYAAAAA!!
HUH...?
SHUT UP, YOU STUPID BITCH! I'M TRYING TO SHUT YOUR MOUTH TO KEEP YOU FROM SCREAMING!
DON'T TOUCH ME THERE, YOU PIG!
STOP IT-
KYAAA!!
SHUT UP, IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR SHOUTING!
W, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!


OW!
HOLD HER DOWN!
SHIT, SHE'S PRETTY TOUGH!

WAY PATHETIC
TCH


CRUNCH
WHACK
WHACK
ARG
SMASH
SHIT!


WHO CARES, JUST HIT HER! HIT HER AND SHUT HER UP!
SHE FUCKIN' BIT ME!

AREN'T YOU THREE ASHAMED TO BEAT UP A SINGLE GIRL LIKE THAT?!
HOW CAN YOU BE SO FRICKIN' PATHETIC?!

PATHETIC
YOU PATHETIC BAS-TARDS

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HUH...?
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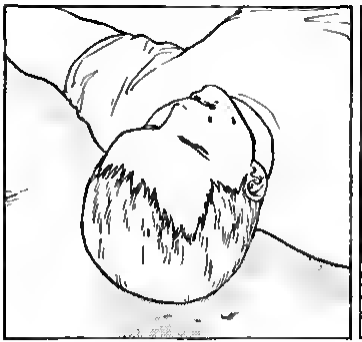
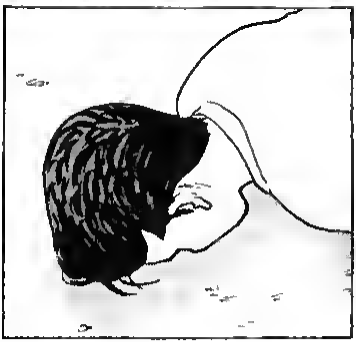
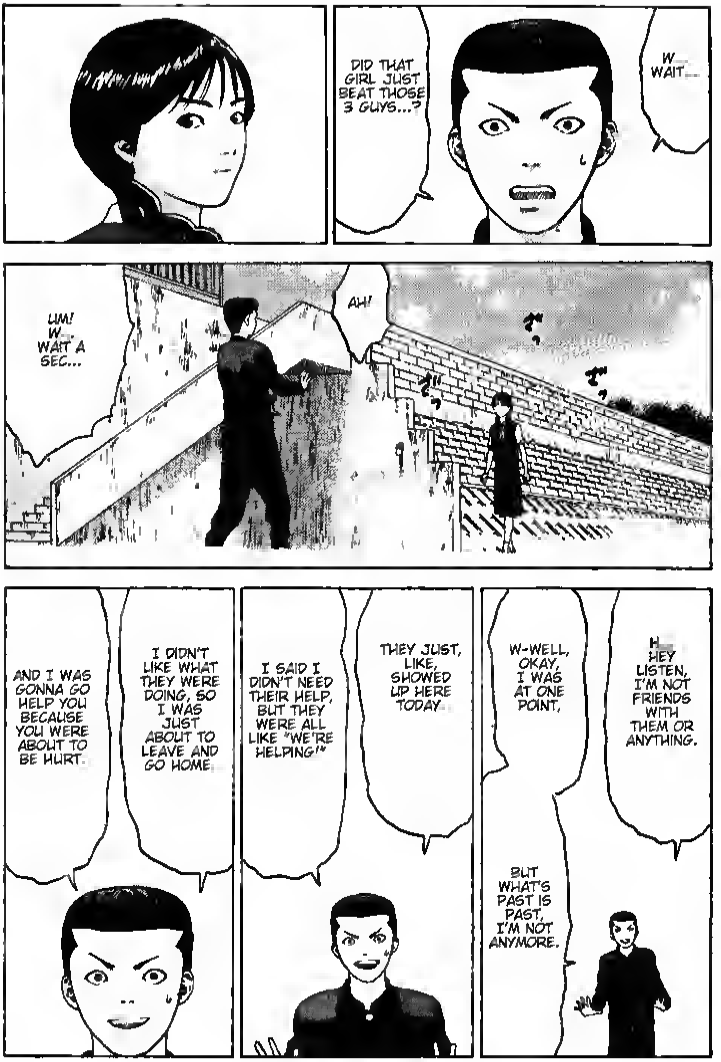
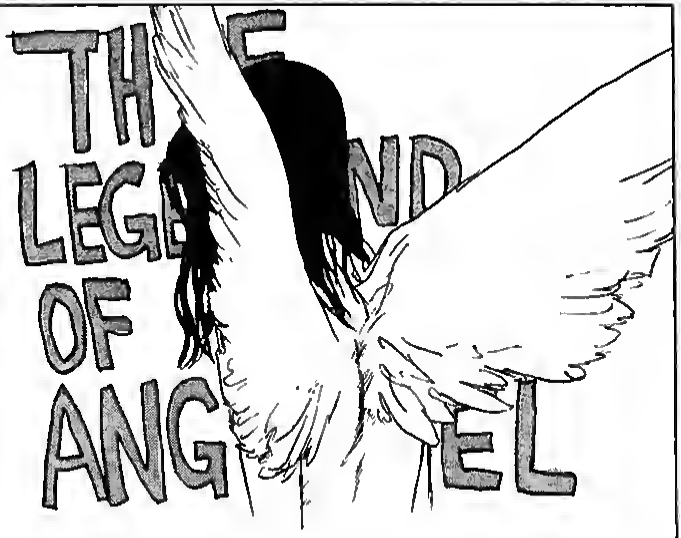
IF THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT, YOU'LL NEVER STAND A CHANCE AGAINST KITANO-KUN
HMPH






DID THAT GIRL JUST BEAT THOSE 3 GUYS...?
W-WAIT...
UM! W-WAIT A SEC...
AH!
AND I WAS GONNA GO HELP YOU BECAUSE YOU WERE ABOUT TO BE HURT.
I DIDN'T LIKE WHAT THEY WERE DOING, SO I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE AND GO HOME.
I SAID I DIDN'T NEED THEIR HELP, BUT THEY WERE ALL LIKE "WE'RE HELPING!"
THEY JUST, LIKE, SHOWED UP HERE TODAY.
W-WELL, OKAY, I WAS AT ONE POINT,
BUT WHAT'S PAST IS PAST, I'M NOT ANYMORE.
H-HEY LISTEN, I'M NOT FRIENDS WITH THEM OR ANYTHING.

NOPE...
...AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU DON'T BELIEVE A WORD I'M SAYING.
THEY SOUND LIKE LIES TO ME TOO
I HATE PLINKS
AWWW, I'M LATE!
OKAY
GYAAAAAAAH!!
THE MIGHTY NO. 2 COUPLE ...
NO WEAKNESSES AT ALL
I LOST TO NO. 2'S GIRLFRIEND TOO



Well, to tell you the truth, I enjoy using my hand for drawing rather than writing, but some people say it's good to write from time to time, which is why I'm writing this now.

I'd like to use this opportunity to thank everyone who's sent me fanmail. I'm too busy to be able to reply to most of them, but I do read them all, and they spur me on. It kind of sucks that this is the best thanks I can give, but I'm truly very grateful for them. Stuff like the order in the magazine and sales of the books are just numbers, and unless I hear the voice of my readers, I get the feeling that I'm sitting around alone, drawing this stuff by myself, so that's when I turn to your letters and they provide me with a sense of reality. Many people write and tell me about themselves, and some write me multiple letters periodically, and they all make me feel better. I read all of them, make no mistake.

So anyways, I'd like to waste as little space as I can here, so if there things any of you would to see, don't hesitate to get in touch and tell me. I'm a positive thinker.

Side Story - vs. the Guidance Counselor

This is a story set shortly after he transferred to Hekikuu High School
Kitano Seiichiro, the boy with the heart of an angel and the face of a demon
OH-
I HAVE TO HURRY
OH MY GOODNESS, LOOK AT THE TIME.
OKAY, ALL READY TO TRANSFER.
ANOTHER BIG DAY OF SCHOOL.

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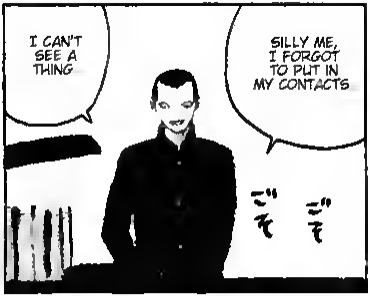
I CAN'T SEE A THING
SILLY ME, I FORGOT TO PUT IN MY CONTACTS
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SHUCKS.
BUT I NEED TO HURRY

I DROPPED MY CONTACT LENS!
OH NO!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

CRACK

THESE ARE EXPENSIVE.
AWWW MAN.
OH NOO!
AHHH HHH!
IT'LL ALL WORK OUT.
OH WELL, I'LL JUST GO WITHOUT CONTACTS TODAY.
IF I WEAR GLASSES, IT MAKES ME LOOK EVIL SOMEHOW.
I HAVE GLASSES, BUT I'D RATHER NOT WEAR THEM
He doesn't seem to have grasped the fact that he looks evil enough without glasses.

G GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING.
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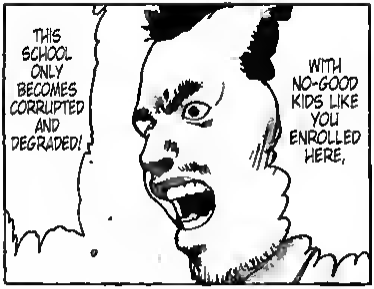
HEHEH
UM... ACTUALLY, I WAS BORN THIS WAY..
HAVEN'T YOU READ THE SCHOOL RULES?
WHAT IS THAT, DYED HAIR?
DON'T LIE TO ME, BOY!!


THIS SCHOOL ONLY BECOMES CORRUPTED AND DEGRADED!
WITH NO-GOOD KIDS LIKE YOU ENROLLED HERE,

NISHIDA!
URGH

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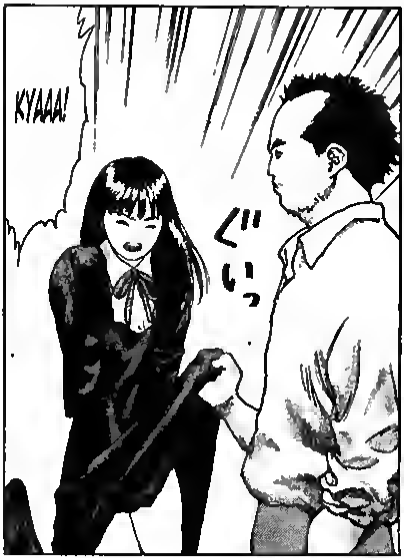
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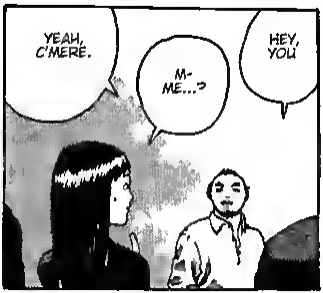
YEAH, C'MERE.
M-ME...?
HEY, YOU

LET ME GO!
PLEASE, STOP!
STUPID OLD LECHER
WHAT AN ASS-HOLE
KYAAA!
WHY DOES YOUR SKIRT LOOK A LITTLE LONGER THAN THE OTHERS?
I'LL SUSPEND YOU ON THE SPOT!!
IF SO, COME ON UP!
YOU GOT A PROBLEM?!
WHAT ARE YOU ALL LOOKIN' AT?!
SHIT...
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WORTH-LESS PANSIES
HEH

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WHO IS THAT?!
WH
IT'S KITANO-KUN
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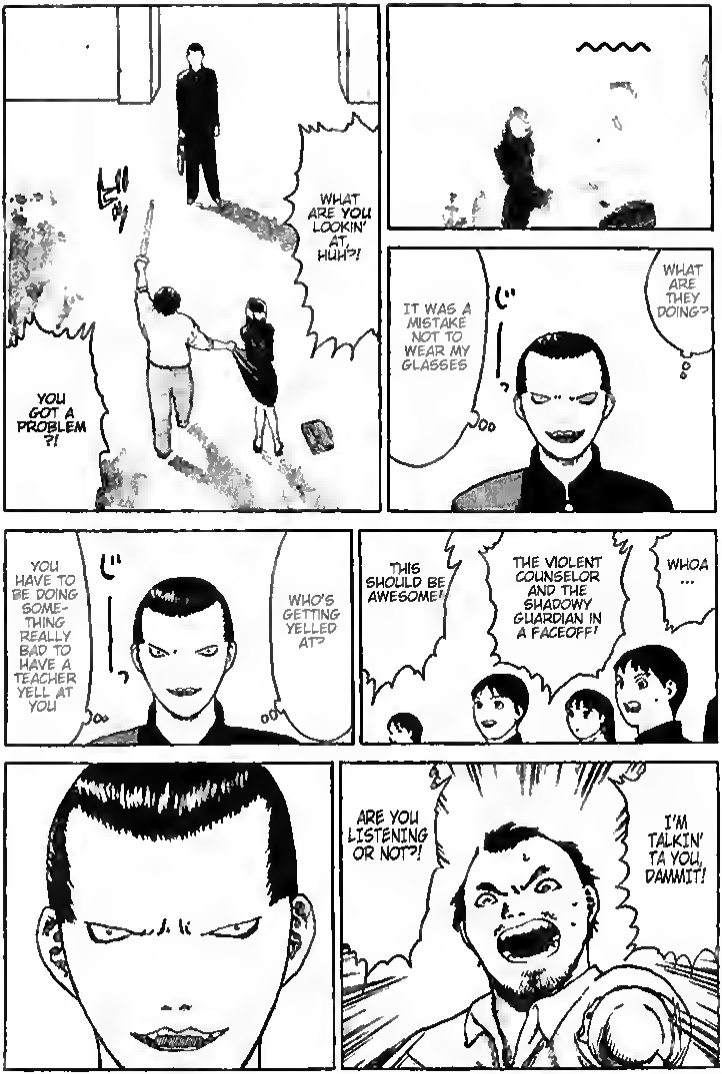
THE MAN WHO RULES HEKIKUU FROM THE SHADOWS!


WHAT ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT, HUH?!
YOU GOT A PROBLEM?!
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
IT WAS A MISTAKE NOT TO WEAR MY GLASSES
WHO'S GETTING YELLED AT?
YOU HAVE TO BE DOING SOMETHING REALLY BAD TO HAVE A TEACHER YELL AT YOU
WHOA...
THE VIOLENT COUNSELOR AND THE SHADOWY GUARDIAN IN A FACEOFF!
THIS SHOULD BE AWESOME!!
I'M TALKIN' TA YOU, DAMMIT!
ARE YOU LISTENING OR NOT?!

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TCH!
WAIT..
IS HE YELLING AT ME?
WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?!
OUT WITH IT!!
AND WHAT'S WITH THOSE EYE-BROWS?!
YOU THINK IT'S OKAY FOR YOU TO SHAVE THEM LIKE THAT?!
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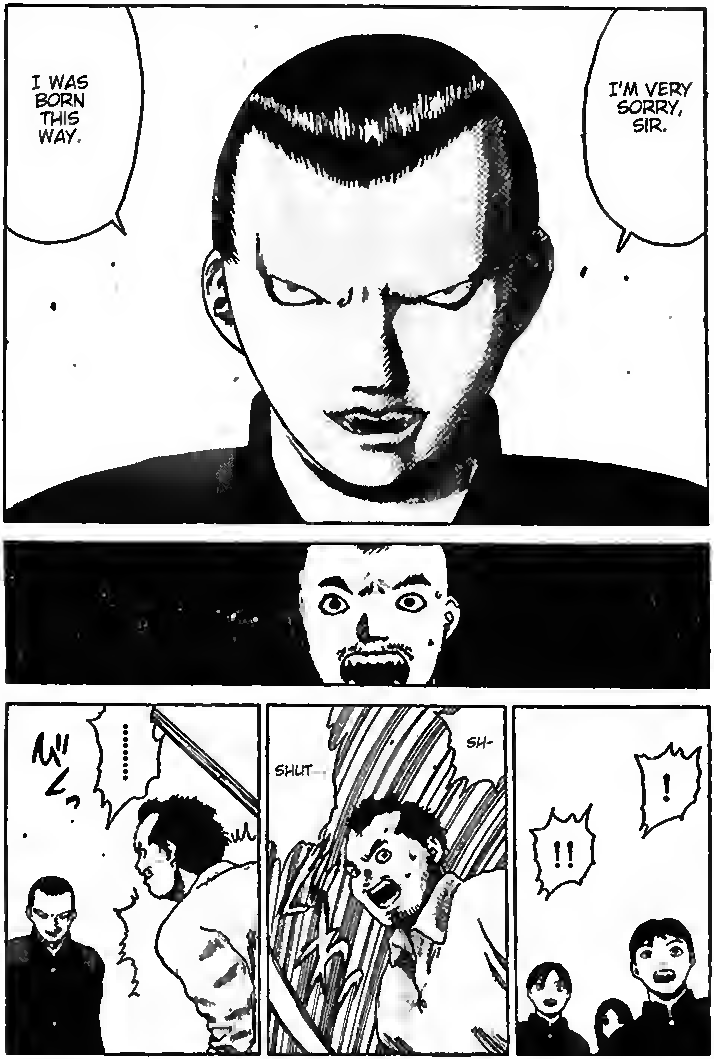
SIGH...
W-WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NOW?
HE ACTUALLY SAID IT.
H HE SAID IT.


I WAS BORN THIS WAY.
I'M VERY SORRY, SIR.
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SHUT...
SH-
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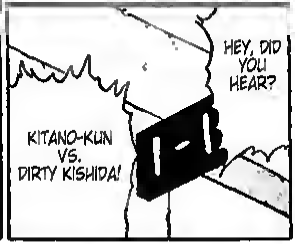
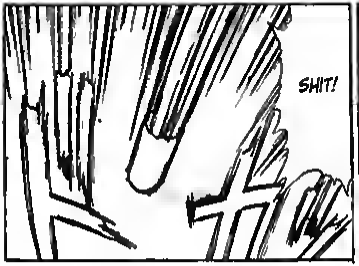
GAH
HAHH
HAHH
YES, SIR.
GET OUTTA HERE!
GO!
AH-
EX-CUSE ME.

GET MOVIN'!
AAAH!
WHAT ARE YOU TURDS STARIN' AT?!

DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID? THAT HE WAS BORN LIKE THAT, HAH!
MAN, IT WAS LIKE KITANO-KUN WAS SAYIN' "YOU AIN'T EVEN ON MY RADAR"!
NOBODY GETS BORN WITH A FACE LIKE THAT!
HE TOTALLY STARED DOWN THAT ASSHOLE KISHIDA!
IT WAS AWESOME.

THAT SON OF A BITCH
D-DAMN


HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
KITANO-KUN VS. DIRTY KISHIDA!


SHIT!

YEAH, HE'S CRAZY.
KITANO-KUN IS LIKE, SOMETHING ELSE.

HAS HE ALWAYS GONE TO THIS SCHOOL?
WHO WAS HE ANYWAYS?
I'VE NEVER BEEN SO TOTALLY HUMILIATED BEFORE
THAT LITTLE BASTARD
THEY CALLED HIM KITANO, DIDN'T THEY?
WELL, I HAVEN'T STOOD AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE LIKE THAT IN A WHILE.
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT A STUDENT.
I HEAR YOU'RE VERY POPULAR AND CLOSE WITH THE STUDENTS AROUND SCHOOL.
YES?
EXCUSE ME, YOKOYAMA-SENSEI.
DO YOU KNOW OF A STUDENT NAMED KITANO?
I'M JUST BRIGHT AND CHEERFUL AND HANDSOME, THAT'S ALL.
THAT'S WHY I'M POPULAR.
WAHAHA
OH, IT'S NOT THAT BIG OF A DEAL.

AAAAAAH!
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I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT KITANO!
WAAAAH!
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THAT ALL ABOUT...?
WHAT WAS...
KISHIDA-SENSEI
WHAT'S GOING ON?
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T... TIME FOR CLASS.

SIR, WHO IS THIS KITANO KID ANYWAYS?
NOT A GOOD IDEA...?
I HEARD YOU RAN INTO KITANO.
PRINCIPAL!
HE LIES IN WAIT, BUT ONCE HE POUNCES, IT BRINGS NOTHING BUT DESPAIR AND DESTRUCTION.
KITANO IS A NUCLEAR BOMB
THAT WASN'T A GOOD IDEA.
HE'S VERY SLY, HE NEVER LEAVES TRACKS.
THERE'S NO EVI-DENCE.
THEN WHY DON'T WE EXPELL HIM FROM OUR SCHOOL?!
HE CRUSHED OUR LOCAL GROUP OF RUFFIANS IN ONE DAY, AND ACTUALLY, NEARLY KILLED YOKOYAMA-SENSEI
N-NUCLEAR
WAHA HAHA HAHA HAHA HA!
BUT ANYWAYS, WHEN HE GETS YOU TOO, TRY TO MAKE IT SO WE CAN PIN IT ON HIM.

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AND SO...
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WHY DO I HAVE TO SUFFER THROUGH THIS..?
ARGH DAMMIT
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AND SO!
UMM!
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ン
I KNEW IT, I SHOULD HAVE WORN MY GLASSES.
I CAN'T EVEN SEE IT BY SQUINTING MY EYES.
IT MUST BE BECAUSE OF THAT ARGUMENT HE HAD THIS MORNING WITH KISHIDA.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LOOKING SO PISSED OFF.
KITANO-KUN'S PISSED...
OKAY, ON TO THE NEXT SEGMENT.
YEAH, IT'S OVER THE TOP TODAY, WE DON'T WANT TO SET HIM OFF.
KITANO-KUN'S ANGER WILL BE ON THE VERGE OF EXPLOSION ALL DAY LONG.

KIEEE EEEEE EEEEE !!
AAAH!
W WHAT?
W WHAT'S WRONG, KITANO-KUN..?
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
I'M SORRY
DON'T ERASE IT, I STILL HAVEN'T WRITTEN IT DOWN
BUT I DON'T WANT TO HOLD EVERYONE BACK
A SCREAM OF RAGE
KITANO-KUN'S ANGER HAS EXPLODED
SOMEONE WILL DIE THIS DAY ...
OH WELL, I'LL GO TO THE FACULTY ROOM LATER AND ASK HIM FOR HELP
GEE, IT REALLY SUCKS TO HAVE BAD EYE-SIGHT

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GOODBYE, KISHIDA-SENSEI
WOW, HE WAS OFF AND RUNNING LIKE A SHOT.
THERE HE GOES.
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NOW I HAVE TO GO SEE HIM.
OKAY, I COPIED ALL THE REST.
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THAT OLD BABOON
DAMN HIM
SNICK
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FACULTY ROOM
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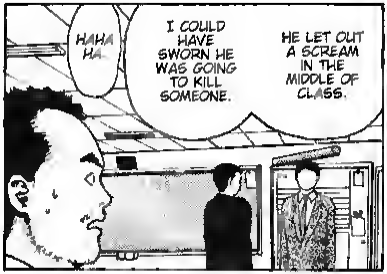
WHAT HAPPENED?
BOY, KITANO-KUN SURE SCARED ME TODAY.


HAHA HA.
I COULD HAVE SWORN HE WAS GOING TO KILL SOMEONE.
HE LET OUT A SCREAM IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS.

OH.
HIS EYES HELD FAR MORE MURDER IN THEM THAN THEY NORMALLY DO.
WELL, AS YOU KNOW, HE'S SCARY BY DEFAULT, BUT TODAY WAS SOMETHING ELSE

IS HE ANGRY...

PARDON ME.

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LET'S SEE, WHERE'S YAMAGUCHI-SENSEI...
WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO?
HE LOOKS VERY WILD TODAY.
UH..
HAHH
HAHH
IS HE HERE TO...
AH, THERE HE IS!
.....

WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO?
WHAT IS IT ..?
STAY AWAY!
DAMN ...
THAT'S DANGEROUS. SOMEONE LEFT OUT AN OPEN BLADE...
IF YOU DON'T PUT IT BACK IN ITS SHEATH, SOMEONE WILL GET HURT
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OOPS
WHAT'S HE DOING?
W WHAT
OH GOSH, I AM SO CLUMSY
!!
I CAN'T GET IT OUT
WOW, IT'S REALLY STUCK IN DEEP

FLAP
FWTCH
WHA IS SOMEONE DOWN THERE?
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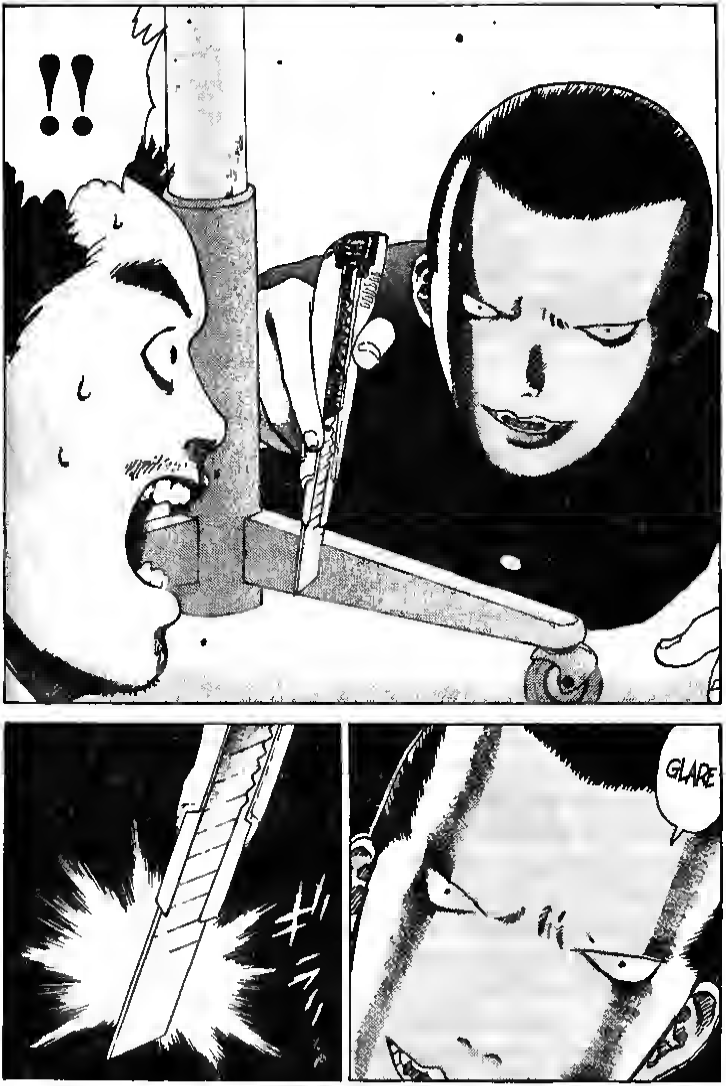
AH
AAAH!
AH...
AAAA AHH!!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WHA...
WHAT THE-?!
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UWAAAAAAHHH!!
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I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN BEFORE YOU CAN KILL ME!
LET'S DO THIS, THEN!!
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WHAT'S GOING ON?!
DON!!
DEY!
W... WHAT THE-?

WAA!
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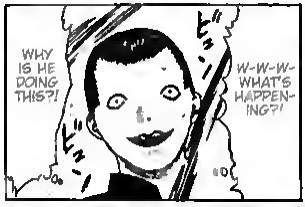
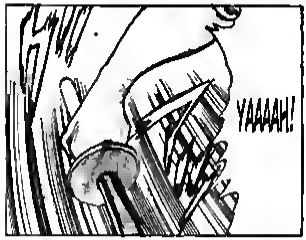

WHY IS HE DOING THIS?!
W-W-W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

SOMEBODY, STOP KISHIDA-SENSE!!!


YAAAAH!

YOU'RE A TEACHER!
K... KISHIDA-SENSE!, SETTLE DOWN!

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OUTTA THE WAY!
AAA!
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MOVE IT!!
OW!
WELL, WHATEVER'S GOING ON, WE HAVE TO STOP HIM...
WH- WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM...?
LOOK OUT!
AH-!
DIE!!!
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GA...
NOT EVEN TEACHERS SHOULD DO THIS KIND OF THING
WHEW, THAT WAS SCARY
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VIOLENCE IS BAD.
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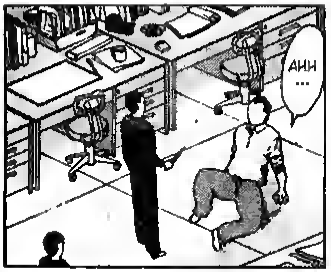
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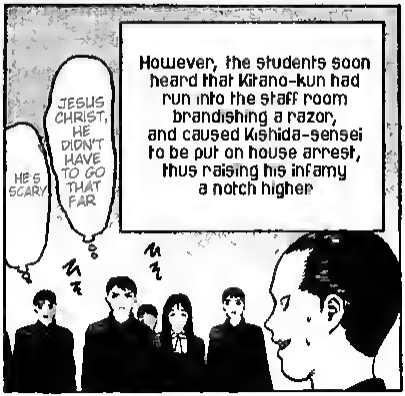
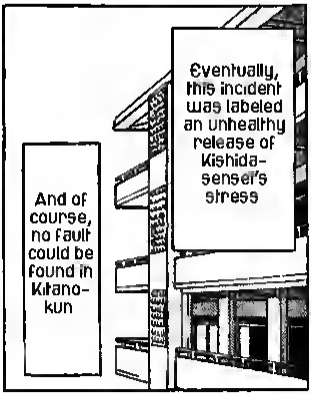

However, the students soon heard that Kitano-kun had run into the staff room brandishing a razor, and caused Kishida-sensei to be put on house arrest, thus raising his infamy a notch higher
JESUS CHRIST, HE DIDN'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR
HE'S SCARY


And of course, no fault could be found in Kitano-kun
Eventually, this incident was labeled an unhealthy release of Kishida-sensei's stress